SUBJECT: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION AND ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

Homebound Instruction is that instruction provided to students who are temporarily unable to attend school due to a physician-diagnosed physical or mental health disorder ("medical condition"). Alternative Instruction is that instruction required to be provided to a student who is of compulsory attendance age and who has been suspended from school.

Procedures for students requiring homebound instruction shall be developed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools. The Director of Pupil Personnel Services will be responsible for implementing procedures and reviewing the policy on a regular basis.

A student may receive homebound instruction if the following conditions are met:

1. the student has been absent for medical reasons for ten (10) consecutive school days; and

2. the student’s medical doctor (MD or LNP) provides the District with a signed and dated note indicating the nature/diagnosis of the student’s medical condition, that the student is unable to attend school or is too contagious to attend school, and the anticipated duration of the student’s medical condition.

In addition, the District may require that the school physician review the information received from the student’s medical doctor if there is any question about the student’s medical condition and/or the anticipated duration of the need for homebound instruction, and the school physician may require authorization from the student’s parent to discuss the student’s medical condition with the student’s medical doctor.

Homebound instruction may continue for one month, after which the above information must be provided again in order for homebound instruction to continue. The note from the student’s medical doctor indicating the continued need for homebound instruction should be received in adequate time to be processed without there being a gap in homebound instruction.

Homebound instruction will be in the core academic subjects. Students will receive academic credit for work completed while on homebound instruction, as graded by the homebound instructor or the student’s teacher.

Instruction shall be provided as above, not to exceed:

One (1) hour daily for elementary students (K-6)
Two (2) hours daily for secondary students (7-12)

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