

**HOME/HOSPITAL AND ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION**

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Home/Hospital instruction is a service provided to students who are unable to attend school for a prolonged period of time due to medical, emotional or disciplinary problems. Eligible students, including nonpublic students, shall be provided with home/hospital instruction at the elementary level (Grades K – 6) for one (1) hour per day for five (5) days per week and at the secondary level (Grades 7 – 12) for two (2) hours per day for five (5) days per week. In the event that daily instruction is not feasible, a total of five (5) hours per week of home/hospital instruction at the elementary level (Grades K-6) and a total of ten (10) hours per week at the secondary level (Grades 7-12) will be provided.

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**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Generally, the following guidelines will be utilized to determine if a student is eligible for home/hospital or alternative site instruction:

1. Students who are convalescing at home from physical, mental or emotional illness or injury;
2. Students who are convalescing in a medical facility from illness or injury; or
3. Students who are in custody within a legally authorized non-county facility pending court action.

Students who are of compulsory attendance age but who are denied entrance to a school facility because of suspension are eligible for alternative site instruction from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm at the high school location.

**HOME/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION DUE TO DISABILITY**

Students who are or become physically, mentally and/or emotionally disabled shall be considered eligible for home/hospital instruction or alternative site upon the written request from the student's private health care provider. The request will specify:

1. Medical diagnosis/condition being treated which necessitates this form of instruction;
2. Probable duration of absence from school;
3. Limitations concerning the kind or duration of instruction; and
4. Possible precautions the home/hospital teacher should take during the period of instruction.

The decision to initiate home/hospital or alternative site instruction shall be made in light of the following considerations:

1. The instructional needs of the student can best be met from such instruction and it can be anticipated to benefit the student;
2. There is a likelihood that continued or future absences will occur;
3. The student's environment is suitable for conducting instruction; and
4. No imminent physical danger to the student or the home/hospital or alternative site teacher exists.

In all instances of home instruction the parent or an adult in parental authority shall be present during all teaching sessions. *The District retains the right to deny in-home instruction in instances where an adult cannot be present during times of instruction.* Home/hospital or alternative site instruction will be initiated as soon as practical following approval of such request by the Superintendent of Schools. Where such request is denied by the Superintendent of Schools, parents may exercise due process through an informal hearing with the Superintendent of Schools. In the event that the matter remains unresolved, parents may appeal to the Board of Education who shall rule on the matter.

#### HOME INSTRUCTION DUE TO SUSPENSION

Students who become eligible for alternative site instruction because they are of compulsory age but who are denied entrance to school because of suspension will be provided immediate alternative instruction. Such instruction will take place at an alternative site at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools. Such instruction shall be designed to help the student on suspension keep pace with his or her class during the period of suspension. Students beyond compulsory age and suspended from school may be afforded alternative instruction at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

The right of appeal in decisions regarding eligibility for alternative instruction in matters of suspension from school shall be consistent with those established in the student code of conduct in practice in the District.

#### ATTENDANCE OF HOME/HOSPITAL STUDENTS

A student on home/hospital or alternative instruction shall be included for state aid purposes for each day that he/she received the required hours of instruction.