

TEMPORARY HOME/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent recognizes the responsibility of ensuring that students unable to attend school because of a temporary impairment are furnished with an appropriate educational program. Therefore, the Superintendent will provide eligible students, including residents attending nonpublic schools, with temporary home/hospital instruction consistent with this policy.

Eligibility for Home/Hospital Instruction

A student who is temporarily unable to attend school for at least two weeks due to a physical or mental disability after which they can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or an alternative education program without special intervention is eligible to be instructed at home or in the hospital.

A student requesting home/hospital instruction must provide satisfactory evidence, in the form of a signed statement of a licensed physician, and/or psychiatrist, that the condition of the child prevents or renders inadvisable attendance at school or application to study. The physician's request or the parent requesting home instruction should provide the following information:

1. the medical diagnosis being treated that necessitates this form of instruction;
2. the probable duration of the student's absence from school;
3. any limitations concerning the kind and duration of instruction; and,
4. possible precautions that the homebound teacher should take during the period of instruction.

Eligibility for home/hospital instruction for regular education students shall be determined by the Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Eligibility for home/hospital instruction for students with disabilities shall be determined by the Director of Pupil Personnel Services in conjunction with the Committee on Special Education (CSE) in accordance with their Individual Education Program (IEP), with the services to be in the least restrictive environment.

Parental Responsibilities for Arranging for Home/Hospital Instruction

Although the Superintendent has the responsibility of ensuring that every student has an appropriate instructional program during periods of illness or injury, parents are expected to assist the Superintendent. If a parent knows in advance of a potential prolonged absence, the parent is expected to notify the appropriate school officials of the probable occurrence and request provisions of home/hospital instruction. Where advanced notice is not possible, parents should make every effort to obtain homework assignments until such a time as home/hospital instruction may begin.

Parents of resident students attending non-public schools should notify both the non-public and public schools of the situation and request provisions of home instruction by the public school district of residence.

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As soon as possible after receiving notice of a prolonged absence, the District will arrange for home instruction for the time periods prescribed by law. Parents or another adult are expected to be present during all teaching sessions. If an adult is not available at home, an alternative site may be sought. Additional information is included in #4327-E.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations specifying the procedures to follow to request home instruction and the procedures for providing such instruction.

Applicability

The policy applies specifically to those students requesting home instruction due to a temporary prolonged illness. Arrangements for home instruction due to a disability under IDEA and Article 89 of the Education Law, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or due to a student suspension will be provided consistent to applicable law, regulation and District policy.

Cross-ref: 5100, Attendance

Ref: Education Law §§1709(24); 4401 et seq.
8 NYCRR §175.21

NYSED: “Revised Handbook on Services to Pupils Attending Nonpublic Schools” 1990

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