

## Home and Hospital Instruction

Home and Hospital Instruction (H/H) may be provided for any student unable to attend school for a period of at least two (2) weeks due to a **temporary** disability that has been certified by a physician qualified to diagnose the condition (i.e. psychological or psychiatric conditions must be diagnosed by a psychiatrist). A temporary disability is defined as a physical injury or illness incurred while enrolled in a regular or alternative education program, and after which the pupil can reasonably be expected to return to that program. **A temporary disability does not include a disability for which a student is identified as having exceptional needs** (i.e. an identified Special Education student).

If a student is going to be required to be out of school for a significant portion of the semester (generally more than 4-6 weeks), alternate programs may be more appropriate (ie: Independent Study) as H/H is for conditions that are temporary and there is a reasonable expectation that the student will return to the classroom.

Students needing H/H are considered so disabled they **are not able to leave the home or hospital** to attend school for *any period of time* (ie: modified day, partial week, etc.). Students able to attend after-school activities or participate in any classroom or school-related activities may be referred to the Independent Study Program or another alternative program.

The purpose of Home and Hospital Instruction is to support the student in maintaining continuity of instruction during his or her absence from the regular educational program. Some courses taught in the regular school setting may not be appropriate or available in Home and Hospital Instruction. Therefore, if a student is placed in Home and Hospital, he/she may be offered different district approved courses.

For Home and Hospital Instruction, one hour of home teaching equals one day of instruction.

To qualify for Home and Hospital Instruction, parents must provide the following documentation.

- **Parent Request for Home and Hospital Instruction.**

A request is submitted after participating in a meeting (may be via phone or in person) with school staff, which may include school nurse, administrator, counselor (if secondary), etc., where the student's condition and inability to attend school is discussed.

- **Physician's Request for Home and Hospital Instruction.**

This form will be provided to the parent after the above meeting/request and is to be completed by the physician who is providing care and treating the condition. The signed and completed application should be returned to the school nurse who will verify the condition and may discuss the need with the physician (if applicable). Home and Hospital Instruction is contingent on District review and approval.

Once the request for Home and Hospital Instruction is approved:

- Student Support Services will make every attempt to assign a Home and Hospital teacher within 5 school days of the approval for Home Hospital Services.
- Special Education students must be approved for Home and Hospital Instruction through the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process *prior to the student starting* on Home and Hospital Instruction.
- The school site will remove the student from the current classes with withdrawal/transfer grades and will be averaged with the work that is completed during the H/H period. Previous work will not be accepted by the Home and Hospital teacher. Only work from the date of approval until the end date, will be accepted and graded by the Home and Hospital Teacher.
- Home and Hospital Instruction may take place on any day that is acceptable to the teacher and family, except for non-student days or holidays. It also must not be provided during the H/H Teacher's regular work hours. An adult over 18 years of age **MUST** be present in the home during the time of instruction and this person must be able to sign the teacher's timesheet in the home.

For additional information, contact the Cathy Owens, Coordinator of Student Support at 696-1600 ext 1027.