

Home/Hospital Program

Home/Hospital instruction is designed to provide continuity of educational services between the classroom for health care facility for students who have medical needs, both physical and/or psychiatric, that do not allow school attendance for a limited period of time. Home/Hospital Program instruction may also be used to supplement the classroom program for student with health impairments whose conditions may interfere with regular school attendance. There are several requirements that must be met for us to assist in continuing the education of your child and to ensure that your child remains successful during his/her illness.

INSTRUCTION

- Home/Hospital instruction will be a minimum of two (2) visits per week with one (1) hour of instruction per visit, which is equivalent to one (1) child's attendance in school for five (5) days. The teacher and student will not meet on days that school is called off (unless students are participating in a SKILLS day). Absences will be considered unexcused unless prearranged and rescheduled with the Home/Hospital Program teacher during the same week. Only in emergencies or illness should an appointment be missed. All state compulsory attendance laws apply to the Home/Hospital Program. One missed Home/Hospital Program appointment is equal to two and one-half (2.5) school days.
- Since Home/Hospital instruction is limited to two (2) hours per week, the student is expected to spend considerable time working independently on assigned work. Being on the Home/Hospital Program does not lessen the work load, so the student can easily fall behind in class. Therefore, it is advised that the student plan to work a minimum of five (5) hours per day on school work. The student may find it necessary to put more effort into his/her studies while on the Home/Hospital Program due to the fact that s/he will not be receiving full-time instruction, and many concepts will be learned independently. The role of the Home/Hospital Program teacher is to act as a liaison between home and school and assist with problem areas.
- The parent/guardian will be responsible for contacting the school to obtain any missed work due to absences prior to placement in the Home/Hospital Program. The Home/Hospital Program instructor will not be responsible for any assignments prior to the approved start date in the Program.
- Due to the nature of the work, some classes may have to be dropped. Also, if a student is unable to grasp the concepts presented in a particular subject with the limited instruction available on the Home/Hospital Program, it may be necessary to arrange for a private tutor or to drop the class until the student is able to return to school for full-time instruction. The student may not receive all credit(s) being attempted.

PARENT/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A parent/guardian must be present in the home during the Home/Hospital Program visit. If an adult is unable to be present, the parent/guardian may reschedule the Home/Hospital Program appointment for later in the same week.

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PARENT/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES (CONTINUED)

- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check with the student regarding completion of required daily assignments in order to be prepared for instruction at the next designated time.
- Parents /guardians should provide a suitable work-study area where the student and teacher can work with no interruptions. The area should be at a table with a neat, clean surface. TV's, radios, and other distractions should be turned off and other children, visitors, and pets should be kept out of the room so the teacher has the student's full attention.
- The student should be awake, dressed, and prepared with the books and materials needed when the Home/Hospital Program teacher arrives for the appointment.
- If the student has a job, s/he is not permitted to work while participating in the Home/Hospital Program. Also, the student is not permitted to participate in athletic activities, extracurricular/co-curricular activities, or school events such as dances, homecoming, etc. while receiving Home/Hospital Program services. Eligibility for the Home/Hospital Program shall cease if the student works or participates in athletic activities.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- A student with a communicable disease, as verified by a health professional, shall be eligible for the Home/Hospital Program. However, should the student's condition pose a serious health threat to the teacher, the student may receive alternate instructions such as correspondence, computer assisted instruction, or video during the period of contagion.
- If the student is enrolled in the Home/Hospital Program during the state assessment window, s/he will be required to return to his/her school for testing unless extenuating circumstances prevent the student from going to school. The parent/guardian will be responsible for the transportation to and from school.
- Students on the Home/Hospital Program for psychological/psychiatric diagnosis (anxiety, depression, bi-polar, school phobia, etc.) may be required to do his/her Home/Hospital Program after regular school hours in the student's school of regular attendance or other public location. The parent/adult must transport and remain with the student during instruction.
- Students requiring the Home/Hospital Program for extended periods of time (more than three [3] months) may be assigned to take courses through an online provider supplied by the District if the student has access to a device and internet access.
- Home/Hospital Program students who miss four (4) scheduled instructional sessions (counts as ten [10] school days unexcused) may be dropped from the Program and reported as truant to the DPP and court system.

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