

Home/Hospital Instruction

PURPOSE

Home/hospital instruction provides educational services to students who cannot attend school for extended periods, due to temporary or recurring conditions, including fractures, surgical recuperation, or other physical, health, or mental conditions. An extended period refers to an absence greater than five (5) consecutive school days.

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.¹ A parent or responsible adult must be present in the home/hospital room during the scheduled time of instruction.

ELIGIBILITY

Determination of a student's eligibility and provision of services for home/hospital instruction shall be made in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations. In accordance with [KRS 159.030\(2\)](#), the Board shall require evidence for students exempted from school attendance more than six (6) months. An exemption shall be reviewed annually.

Before granting an exemption for homebound instruction, a signed statement from a licensed physician, psychologist or psychiatrist, or public health official must be submitted verifying the condition of the child that prevents or renders inadvisable attendance at school or application of study for an extended time of five (5) or more consecutive school days.

EXTENDED PLACEMENT

Students exempted from school attendance more than six (6) months shall provide two (2) signed statements of support from health personnel, as permitted by law and Kentucky Administrative Regulation.²

An exemption shall be reviewed annually. At any time based on changes in the student's condition, the home/hospital review committee appointed in keeping with the requirements of Kentucky Administrative Regulations shall review the student's placement in home/hospital instruction.¹

In accordance with medical documentation, the home/hospital review committee shall develop a plan and timeline for returning the student to regular classroom instruction, or documentation verifying why a return to the regular school setting is not feasible. More frequent evaluations may be made if deemed necessary.

A high school student placed on home/hospital instruction may carry all appropriate credits during the first semester of placement.¹ Classes that require laboratory facilities shall not be taught during home/hospital instruction.¹ Except for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 plan, the number of credits to be carried during all subsequent semesters of placement shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the review committee, based on the following criteria:

1. The student's ability to work independently during extended periods without direct assistance.
2. The student's capacity to complete assignments within a reasonable time frame.
3. The likelihood that the student will be able to complete course criteria required for graduation, as required by the [Kentucky Academic Standards](#).

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4. When considering the student's condition, should s/he take a full or reduced course load?¹
If a reduced course load is appropriate, the committee shall determine the number of courses to be taken .

Exemptions of students based on these provisions shall be reviewed annually, and the required evidence shall be updated accordingly.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Based on documentation of student need, including medical or mental health evaluation information, a student with disabilities may be placed in the home/hospital instructional program if his/her individual education plan (IEP) specifies such placement is the least restrictive environment for providing services. The ARC Chair shall provide written notice of eligibility and documentation to the District Director of Pupil Personnel for purposes of program enrollment.

The Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) or 504 Team shall determine on a case-by-case basis the type and extent of homebound services for a student, including the number of credits a student at the secondary level will be permitted to earn while on home/hospital instruction.

REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 157.270](#)

²[704 KAR 007:120](#)

[KRS 157.360, KRS 159.030](#)

[704 KAR 003:303](#)

[707 KAR 001:320; 707 KAR 001:350](#)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

34 C.F.R. 104.35

RELATED POLICIES:

09.122, 09.123

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