THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

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117. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

1. Purpose	The purpose of homebound instruction is to provide students with some level of instructional services during a temporary period of absence so that, on return to school, they can re-engage successfully with their instructional program.
2. Authority SC 1329 Title 22 Sec. 11.25 Pol. 204	The School Reform Commission shall provide homebound instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness, injury, urgent reasons, or when such confinement is recommended for psychological or psychiatric reasons. The period of homebound instruction for an individual shall not exceed three (3) months. The term urgent reasons shall be strictly construed and does not permit irregular attendance.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The parent/guardian shall submit the required application and documentation for homebound instruction to the district. At any point, the district may request additional information to justify continuation of homebound instruction.
Title 22 Sec. 11.25	The Superintendent or designee may request approval from the Department of Education to extend the period of homebound instruction for an individual, which shall be re-evaluated every three (3) months.
4. Guidelines	Homebound instruction should be used as a last resort after all other options and/or alternative schedules have been exhausted. The SRC shall provide homebound instruction only for those confinements expected to last at least four (4) weeks. Exceptions may be recommended by the Superintendent or designee. A student may be provided homebound instruction on an intermittent basis during short but repeated periods of absences due to exacerbations of a chronic medical condition. The student is expected to return to school when the exacerbation subsides. The approval for intermittent homebound instruction will be granted for no longer than one (1) school year and will expire June 30th of any school year.

The program of homebound instruction provided to each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the state.

The SRC reserves the right to withhold homebound instruction when any one (1) of the following occurs:

1. The instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to the health of the teacher.

2. A parent/guardian or other adult in authority is not present with the student during the hours of instruction.

3. The condition of the student precludes any benefit from such instruction.

Students receiving homebound instruction may be counted for attendance purposes as if in school. The district shall be reimbursed for homebound instruction provided to a student in accordance with law.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1329

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.25

School Reform Commission Policy – 204, 234