

HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

A student with a temporary disability which makes school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall receive individual instruction in the student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals. This instruction applies to students incurring a physical, mental or emotional disability after which they can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or an alternative education program without special intervention. It does not apply to students identified as individuals with exceptional needs pursuant to Education Code 56026. (Education Code 48206.3)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment. (Education Code 44865)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

The district shall offer at least one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the district in the regular education program. No student shall be credited with more than five days of attendance per calendar week or credited with more than the total number of calendar days that regular classes are offered by the district in any fiscal year. (Education Code 48200, 48206.3)

Nondistrict Students

A student of another district who is temporarily disabled and confined to a hospital or health facility within this district shall be eligible to receive individual instruction in this district. (Education Code 48207)

In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the district of the student's presence in a qualifying hospital. (Education Code 48208)

Upon receiving such notification, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 48208)

1. Within five working days of the notification, determine whether the student is able to receive individualized instruction and, if so, when it shall begin. Instruction shall begin no later than five working days after the Superintendent or designee has determined that the student is able to receive individualized instruction.
2. Within five working days of the beginning of the individualized instruction, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to the district in which the student was previously enrolled stating that the student shall not be counted by that district for purposes of computing average daily attendance, effective the date on which individualized instruction began.

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Alternatively, the Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement with the district in which the student was previously enrolled to have that district provide the individualized instruction. (Education Code 48208)

Parental Notifications

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that: (Education Code 48208, 48980)

1. Individual instruction is available for temporarily disabled students as prescribed by Education Code 48206.3.
2. If a student becomes temporarily disabled, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the receiving district of the student's presence in a qualifying hospital.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Home and Hospital Teacher Service

Home and Hospital teacher service is available to students homebound or hospitalized who are unable to attend classes for extended periods of time, generally four school weeks or more. When conditions are appropriate and facilities are available, homebound students may be taught on a class basis in a teleteaching class using special telephone equipment.

Home and Hospital teacher service provides a general education program for students K-12, and provides special education instruction for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Students are offered one hour of instructional services for each school day. The time and frequency of instructional services for students in special education is based on their IEP.

Graduation with School of Residence

If requirements for a high school diploma are completed while a student is enrolled with a home teacher, arrangements are made to have that student graduate with the class from his/her school of residence.

Implementation

Referral Process:

1. Nurses, physicians, psychologists, school staff, social services, or others may refer the parents to the Homebound Program for consideration of services.

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2. Parents initiate contact with the Home and Hospital Program and request a Request for Services packet that includes an Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Health Information to and from Schools form (HIPAA release) directly from the Home and Hospital Program office.
3. Once the completed forms are received, Home and Hospital personnel determine the student's eligibility while considering the least restrictive environment. The Home and Hospital staff may consult with the physician/licensed clinical psychologist to gather more information, as necessary.
4. Notification of eligibility is provided to the parent, referring party, and the school that the student attends. The student will remain on the referring school's roster until a Home and Hospital teacher is assigned and the enrollment forms are completed.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44865 Qualifications for home teachers

45031 Home teachers

48200 Minimum school day

48206.3 Pupils with temporary disabilities; individual instruction; definitions; computing average daily attendance

48206.5 Continuation of individual instruction programs for students with temp. disabilities

48207 Pupils with temporary disabilities in hospitals out- side of school district; compliance with residency requirements

48208 Presence of pupils with temporary disabilities in qualifying hospitals; notice by parents or guardians; commencement of individualized instruction

48980 Required notification of rights and availability of nutrition and individualized instruction programs

51800-51802 Employment of home teachers

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

421 Method of verification

423 Prolonged illness

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