

Homebound/Hospital Instruction

Dear homebound student and parents,



This leaflet has been prepared to clarify the purpose and philosophy of the Homebound/Hospital program. When a student is so sick that they absolutely cannot attend

school, some help can be offered. A referral from the school must first be signed by the student's doctor/therapist and submitted to the school showing that an absence of two weeks or more is expected.

The visiting tutor/teacher will then assume the responsibility of collecting assignments, administering tests and returning the work to the classroom teacher. A teacher may reduce work or modify assignments, but they do not have to.

THERE ARE SOME RESTRICTIONS TO THIS PROGRAM:

➤ It is difficult to service the needs of a student enrolled in a participation class. This would include choir, band, shop, gym and similar classes where daily attendance represents much of the student's grade. If a student is only sick for a couple of weeks, then the teacher may

work out some kind of deal; although they are under no obligation to do so.



➤ In the case of extended illness (for instance, the best part of a term/semester it becomes very difficult for even the brightest students to keep up with all seven or eight classes. If this is going to be the case, the counselors will often reduce the schedule to about half. If the student is to be absent from school for more than a term/semester the Department of Student and Family Resources will usually recommend an alternative placement or other educational options.

➤ We expect that a student who is sick, will be at home most of the time and available for visits with a few



hours of notice. The tutor has a full schedule and if a student is constantly unavailable or misses appointments, this will jeopardize his or her right to be tutored.

➤ With the two one-hour visits per week that the school can provide it is not always possible to maintain the academic level that the student has enjoyed before getting sick.



➤ We would reiterate that social activities and jobs are not things that a student would do if he or she is too sick to attend school.

➤ The teacher will be able to assist the student in a variety of topics, including science classes, English, social studies, and basic math. Some advanced math will call for the help of an outside tutor or additional resources at your own cost.

Despite these cautions, we have been able to help many students through some very serious illnesses and injuries and hope that we can help your situation as much as possible.

If you have questions about this service, please feel free to contact your school administration.

Thank you,

Student and Family Resources