

Lower Merion School District

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The Board shall provide, pursuant to rules of the State Board of Education and where all required criteria contained in this policy are met, individual instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness or injury; or when such confinement is recommended for psychological or psychiatric reasons.

Application

The application process for homebound instruction is set forth in greater detail in the related Administrative Regulation (AR-117). In general, for students enrolled in District schools the process begins at their school building level with a request, together with required medical documentation, being presented to the building principal. For students who are District residents, but are enrolled in non-public schools, the process begins at the District level with a request, together with required medical documentation, being presented to the Superintendent's Designee.

Applications for homebound instruction shall include a medical doctor's statement certifying the nature of the illness or disability, explaining specifically why the illness or disability prevents the student from attending school, and the probable duration of the confinement.

The District reserves the right to require a medical examination by a physician of its own selection in order to make determinations for initial or continued eligibility for homebound instruction. The District through the Department of Student Services shall be permitted to require updated medical information as to the student's progress during the period of homebound instruction.

Any student receiving homebound instruction shall be carried on the attendance records of the school to which the student is assigned.

Program

If the request for homebound instruction is approved, the Office of the Supervisor of K-12 Counseling Testing and Holistic Supports will make arrangements for a certified teacher or teachers to instruct the student while the student is at home or in the hospital. Homebound instruction shall commence within seven (7) calendar days of approval.

The program of individual instruction given each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the Secretary of Education.

While participating in homebound instruction students cannot participate in any extra-curricular or athletic activity unless the District determines that the student qualifies for a reasonable accommodation under applicable law that permits the student to participate.

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Students who are receiving homebound instruction and are transitioning back to full time school attendance, provided that the medical doctor's statement supports the student's participation in the activity, shall be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the District.

A student's participation in employment outside of the home shall disqualify a student from eligibility for homebound instruction.

Exception

Within the limits of the applicable law Board reserves the right to withhold individual instruction when the instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to the health of the teacher or a parent or other adult in authority is not at home with the student during the hours of instruction.