

Homebound Instruction

What is Homebound instruction and who is it designed for?

Home Instruction (homebound) is **short-term** instruction provided in a home or other designated site for a student who is temporarily unable to attend school. According to state guidelines, two hours of home instruction each week is the equivalent to one full week of school attendance. Home instruction is not designed to take the place of a more appropriate school placement.

What are the requirements for receiving Homebound Instruction?

It shall be determined that a child or youth is to be provided home/hospital instruction if the condition of the child or youth prevents or renders inadvisable attendance at school as verified by signed professional statement in accordance with KRS 159.030 (2) and 704 KAR 7:120. Students must be absent more than five days (minimum of 6) days to be considered for homebound instruction.

Where do I get an Application?

You may pick an application up at your child's school or the Board of Education Office or click on the "Homebound Application for Parents" link and print.

Who fills out the Application?

The first page must be filled out and signed by the parent or guardian. The rest of the application is to be filled out by the authorized medical or medical health professional stating that the student is unable to attend school at this time due to health concerns, and that they support Home/Hospital. They must supply information about the student's condition and why they are unable to attend school at this time. They must include how long they have been seeing the patient for the diagnosis listed and give an approximate length of time student will need Home/Hospital Instruction.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

The parents/guardians also have a responsibility when the student goes on homebound instruction.

- A responsible adult must be present in the home/hospital room during the time the Home/Hospital Teacher is present.
- The Home/Hospital Teacher meets with the student a minimum of one hour on two (2) school days per week for individualized instruction. Absences are unexcused unless pre-arranged and the time rescheduled with the Home/Hospital Teacher during that same week.
- A student with a communicable disease, as verified by a health professional, shall be eligible for the Home/Hospital Instruction Program. However, should the student's condition pose a serious health threat to the Home/Hospital Teacher, the

student may receive alternate instruction such as correspondence, computer assisted instruction, or video during the period of contagion.

- Please check with your child regarding completion of required daily assignments in order to be ready for instruction at the next designated time.
- Please provide a suitable work-study area where student and teacher can work with no interruption (for example: CD, tape player, and TV turned off). The area should be clean, neat, and free from household traffic.
- Other children, visitors, or pets should be kept out of the room so that the teacher will have the student's full attention.
- Arrange for the child to have sufficient rest and to be ready for work when the teacher arrives at the home.
- Complete the Application for Home/Hospital Instruction, including release of medical information to school officials.
- In addition to the scheduled weekly home/hospital instruction, the student will work independently to complete assignments.

The Parent Agreement Letter must be signed and given to the homebound teacher along with the application.

What Happens Next?

The Home/hospital review committee accepts and reviews applications to determine the student's eligibility for home/hospital services. Based on 704 KAR 7:120, this committee consists of the Director of Pupil Personnel, the home/hospital teacher, medical or mental health personnel, and other professionals relevant to the application being reviewed. Once all the necessary paper work has been completed, it is given to the Homebound Instructor. If approved homebound services will begin at that time. The Homebound Instructor will contact the parent to set up the first visit.

Eligibility for home/hospital instruction shall cease if the student works or participates in athletic activities.