

HOMEBOUND, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF INSTRUCTION

Homebound Instruction

ACPS shall maintain a program of homebound instruction for students who are confined for periods that would prevent normal school attendance based upon certification of need by a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical psychologist.

Upon request of the student's parent or guardian, and provided such request is recommended by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical psychologist, ACPS shall furnish a teacher to instruct the student at home. Any credits earned shall be considered a part of the student's regular school work and recorded as such on the cumulative record. Credit for the work shall be awarded when it is done under the supervision of a certified teacher, a person eligible to hold a Virginia certificate, or other appropriately licensed professional, employed by the School Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall approve applicants for homebound instruction. Medical forms must be maintained on file.

During such period of instruction, the student shall be carried on the school register as present.

Correspondence Courses

The Superintendent, at the direction and for the adoption of the School Board and in accordance with the Standards of Accreditation, will develop guidelines governing the enrollment of students in supervised correspondence courses for receipt of standard and verified units of credit. Students who enroll in high school as freshmen before July 1, 2018, as sophomores before July 1, 2019, as juniors before July 1, 2020 or as seniors before July 1, 2021 may enroll in such courses with prior approval of the principal.

Standard units of credit will be awarded for the successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, approved by the School Board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has passed the SOL test associated with the correspondence course completed.

Instruction through Alternative Technological Means

The Superintendent, at the direction and for the adoption of the School Board and in accordance with the Standards of Accreditation, shall develop guidelines for students who enroll in high school as freshmen before July 1, 2018, as sophomores before July 1, 2019, as juniors before July 1, 2020 or as seniors before July 1, 2021 to encourage the pursuit of alternative means to deliver instruction to accommodate student needs through emerging technologies.

Standard units of credit will be awarded for the successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, approved by the School Board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has passed the SOL test associated with the correspondence course completed.

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