

## MEDICAL HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

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**Purpose:** To establish the basic structure for the district's provision of medical homebound instruction to students.

Students who cannot attend public school because of illness, accident or pregnancy, even with transportation, are eligible for homebound or hospitalized instruction.

The district will provide at least the minimum number of instruction hours as provided in current rules and regulations of the state board of education. All teachers providing homebound instruction to students residing in the district must hold a valid South Carolina teacher's certificate.

In order for a student to receive homebound instruction, the following conditions must exist.

- The student must be of legal school age.
- A licensed physician, physician's assistant, or properly authorized advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) must certify that the student is unable to attend school but may profit from instruction given in the home or school.
- The student must be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee on appropriate forms provided by the state department of education.
- The student must successfully complete the materials assigned and receive a passing grade from the student's classroom teacher or the homebound teacher in case of extended medical homebound instruction. This requirement is necessary in order for the student to advance to the next grade or to satisfy the state requirements for a state high school diploma.

A student is eligible for medical homebound instruction according to certain timelines as stated in the state board of education regulation.

Should an approved student not receive the required periods of medical homebound instruction that he/she is entitled to receive, the student is eligible to have the medical homebound instruction made up by the district. This make-up may occur during the student's remaining eligibility for medical homebound or may occur after the student returns to school. The school will not hold make-up periods during the regular school day.

Medical and student records are confidential subject to the provisions of JRA and JRA-R.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended

1. Section 59-21-540 – Special education services for which state aid allowed.
2. Section 59-33-20(c) – Homebound instruction available to certain handicapped children.

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3. Section 59-33-30 – Establishment by state board of education of program of specialized education for handicapped children; rules and regulations.
- B. State Board of Education Regulations:
1. R-43-241 – Homebound instruction.