

## **HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

The Superintendent, provided funds are available and upon approval by the Special Education Director, may provide homebound instructional services for students of the school system.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMEBOUND SERVICES**

A student may be provided homebound services if funds are available and the following criteria and guidelines are met:

1. The parent or guardian of the student requests homebound services by completing the School System's Homebound Referral Form and submits the completed form to the local school principal. A physician's statement requesting homebound services and noting the reasons for such services must be attached to the completed form.
2. The anticipated absence from school must be at least six (6) weeks as attested to the physician's request statement.
3. The student must be currently enrolled in a regular school program.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PLANS, ETC.**

The homebound teacher(s), after consultation with the student's classroom teacher(s), provides instruction based on the classroom teacher's recommendation, including but not limited to the following: (1) providing assignments, (2) administering any examinations, (3) grading assigned work/examination, (4) and meeting with the student's classroom teacher(s) to recommend appropriate grades. However, the responsibility for assigning grades will remain with the student's regular classroom teacher after consultation with the homebound teacher. Such homebound services will be available for not more than three (3) hours per week.

### **HOMEBOUND AND STUDENT PREGNANCIES**

Pregnancy and the normal recuperative period following delivery does not make a student eligible for services in a homebound program. A physician may make a written referral for homebound services if there are serious complications during pregnancy or following delivery which require such students to remain within the home for an expected six-week period.

### **ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING**

All students formally approved for homebound services as noted above shall be marked homebound the entire term of such absence.

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