



Book	Policy Manual
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### **Authority**

The Board shall provide homebound instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness, injury, urgent reasons, or when such confinement is recommended for psychological or psychiatric reasons. The total duration of the period(s) of homebound instruction for an individual shall not exceed three (3) months in a single school year, unless a reassessment qualifies the student for an extension, as stipulated below. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

A request for homebound instruction must be completed by the parent/guardian and student's physician for approval by the building principal and Director of Pupil Services. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Application for homebound instruction shall:

1. Certify the nature of the illness or disability.
2. State the probable duration of the confinement.
3. Include the physician's written recommendation and/or diagnosis.
4. Be supported by a physician's statement to the effect that the student is unable to attend school due to an identified disability, illness, injury, or other urgent reason and would profit from homebound instruction.
5. Be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

A doctor's excuse from school shall not be accepted as a request for homebound instruction. A request for homebound instruction for psychological or psychiatric reasons shall not be accepted from anyone other than a board-certified psychiatrist or licensed psychologist.

The Superintendent shall forward a recommendation for homebound instruction to the Board for funding approval. Prior to the Board providing funding, the Superintendent shall provide for instruction of students as necessary and forward recommendation for the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The Superintendent or designee may request approval from the Department of Education to extend the period of homebound instruction for an individual, which shall be re-evaluated every three (3) months. [\[2\]](#)

## **Guidelines**

The Board shall provide homebound instruction only for those confinements expected to last for a period of ten (10) consecutive days or more. Exceptions may be recommended by the Superintendent.

The program of homebound instruction provided to each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the state.

Students may receive up to five (5) hours of instruction per week.

Reports of homebound instruction will be submitted bi-weekly by the homebound instructor. These reports must be provided to the building principal and appropriate counselor for purposes of tracking student's academic progress.

While homebound instruction may commence prior to Board approval, the Board reserves the right to withhold homebound instruction when any one (1) of the following occurs:

1. The instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to the health or safety of the instructor.
2. A parent/guardian or other adult in authority is not present with the student during the hours of instruction.
3. The condition of the student precludes any benefit from such instruction.

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[1. 24 P.S. 1329](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 11.25](#)

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