
**Administrative Rules & Regulations - Homebound Instruction for Pregnant Students,
Rule 0520-01-02-.10**

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-10-1101 mandates that LEAs shall establish a program of homebound instruction for pregnant students. The 110th General Assembly recently approved a bill that requires LEAs to establish a homebound instruction program of at least three hours per week for all students who qualify.

State Board Rule 0520-01-02-.10, which has not been amended since 1992, governs Homebound Instruction for Pregnant Students. This item presents revisions to the rule made by State Board staff, in conjunction with the Office of Coordinated School Health at the Department of Education and the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Homebound Consortium, in order to align the rule with the forthcoming legislation.

Under these revisions, a student will qualify for homebound instruction if the student's physician certifies in writing that the student has a medical condition that prevents the student from attending regular classes. The LEA must determine how long the student may receive homebound instruction on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration the recommendations of the student's physician. If, at the conclusion of the determined time period, the student's physician certifies in writing that the student's medical condition continues to prevent the student from returning to regular classes, then the LEA must continue to offer the student three hours of homebound instruction per week, subject to periodic recertification as required by the LEA.

The Recommendation:

The State Board Staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.