

**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. Public Chapter 625 of 2018 amended this law requiring LEAs to establish a homebound instruction program of at least three hours per week for all students who qualify, not just pregnant students.

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 Metro Nashville Area Homebound Consortium, in order to align the rule with the recently enacted legislation.

Under these revisions, a student will qualify for consideration in the LEA's homebound instruction program 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 will 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 student will be eligible to continue to receive at least three (3) hours of homebound instruction per week, subject to periodic recertification as required by the LEA.

A rulemaking hearing was held on June 20, 2018. Based on feedback received, the following changes have been made:

- Page 1: Clarifies that the 504 team, if applicable, should be included on the homebound team.
- Page 2: Added the requirement that instructors be licensed educators.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.