

RULES
OF
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CHAPTER 0520-01-02
DISTRICT AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

0520-01-02-.10 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION.

(1) Definitions. As used in this rule:

- (a) “Homebound Instruction Period” means—~~T~~he number of school days that the
medical homebound instruction program shall be provided to the student.
- (b) “Individualized Education Program (IEP) team” means a group of individuals described in
34 CFR § 300.321 that is responsible for developing, reviewing, or revising an IEP for a
child with a disability.
- (c) “Medical Condition” means~~a physical or mental condition, illness, or disorder that~~
prevents a student from attending regular classes and is certified in writing by the
student’s treating physician. —A student has a medical condition if the student’s treating
physician certifies in writing that the student has a physical or mental condition, illness, or
disorder that prevents the student from attending regular classes.
- (d) “Medical Homebound Instruction Program Instruction Program” means—~~an~~
instruction program provided at home, ~~or at a hospital,~~ or at other related locations to all
students, including students with disabilities, children~~who are unable to attend regular~~
classes ~~school~~ due to a medical condition.
- (e) “Regular Classes” means the classes to which the student has been assigned by the
LEA in the student’s attending school where the student is enrolled. —A student attends
regular classes if the student misses no more than ten (10) consecutive instructional days
over the period of the school year. An LEA may create a policy stating that the definition
of regular classes also includes students who miss no more than an aggregate of ten (10)
instructional days over the period of the school year.
- (f) “Review team” means—~~T~~he members of the Local education agency (“LEA”) staff,
and/or school staff, including the student’s 504 team or Individualized Education
Program (“IEP”) team if applicable, who are familiar with the health and educational
needs of the student for whom a medical homebound instruction program is being
requested.
- (g) “Student” means—~~a~~ A child enrolled in a Tennessee public school in grades kindergarten
~~(K)~~ through grade twelve (K-12).
- (h) “Treating physician” means—~~A~~ thea person who is licensed under T.C.A. Title 63,
Chapter 6; T.C.A. Title 63, Chapter 9; T.C.A. Title 63, Chapter 11; or T.C.A. § 63-23-105
or similar statute in another jurisdiction and who is the professional treating the student
for the medical condition requiring medical homebound instruction.

(2) Medical Homebound Eligibility Qualification and Placement

- (a) Each LEA shall establish a medical homebound instruction program for each student who qualifies. A student shall be eligible qualifies for a medical homebound instruction program upon certification in writing by if the student's treating physician certifies in writing that To qualify for a medical homebound instruction program, the treating physician's certification must show that the student has a medical condition that will prevent the student from attending regular classes. A student is prevented from attending regular classes if the student will miss more than ten (10) consecutive instructional days over the period of the school year due to the medical condition. An LEA may also create a policy that allows students who miss an aggregate number of instructional days over the period of the school year due to a medical condition to be eligible for a medical homebound instruction program. ~~(b) The final determination for medical homebound placement shall be the student's LEA (review team).~~
- (b) Once a student has qualified for a medical homebound instruction program, ~~t~~The homebound instruction period shall be determined by the student's review team on a case-by-case basis and shall take into consideration the recommendations of the student's treating physician, if available. and Educational decisions regarding the student's mMedical homebound instruction program for students shall be determined by the student's LEA review team on a case-by-case basis. and shall take into consideration the recommendations of the student's treating physician, if available.
- (c) Decisions regarding sStudents with disabilities who are unable to attend regular classes require instruction in the home, hospital, or related site pursuant to an IEP team's determination that the home, hospital, or related site is the child's least restrictive environment are governed by homebound services dues to their disability may be eligible for an educational homebound instruction program pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (34 C.F.R. § 300.39; 34 C.F.R. § 300.115) and State Board Rule 0520-01-09-.07 regarding educational homebound placements. The final determination for Educational decisions regarding the medical homebound placement and instruction program are shall be made by the student's review team.
- ~~(d) A homebound placement of a student with a disability shall be governed by the requirements set forth in State Board Rule 0520-01-09-.07.~~

(3) Medical Homebound Instructional Requirements

- (a) A Medical Homebound instruction program shall consist of a at minimum of three (3) hours of instruction per week while school is in session for the period of homebound instruction period determined by the student's review team.
- (b) The LEA-student's review team shall consider the student's grade level, academic status, physical abilities, individual academic needs, period of homebound instruction period, and similar factors when determining the amount of instructional time per week provided to the student under a medical homebound instruction program. For students receiving special education and related services, tThe frequency and duration of instruction necessary to provide a free appropriate public education for a student with a disability during a medical homebound instruction program placement shall be determined by the student's IEP team, but shall not be less than the minimum of three (3) hours per week..
- (c) The minimum of three (3)-hours of instruction per week time shall not include travel to and from the student or preparation time. Homebound instruction is measured by only the amount of actual time that the student and the homebound teacher are working together; or, if a student is enrolled in a district's online of virtual program, homebound instruction is only the actual time that the student is engaging in instruction via the online of virtual program.

- (d) Homebound instruction shall be provided by a teacher holding a valid Tennessee teacher license as provided in T.C.A. Title 49, Chapter 5.
 - (e) An adult, other than the homebound teacher/instructor, shall be present during the ~~period of~~ homebound instruction period.
 - (f) The district may provide the homebound instruction program via the district's own online or virtual program, if the review team deems it appropriate for the student. The district shall verify that the student has all the necessary equipment, access, and training for working via the internet at no additional cost to the student.
- (4) Recertification for Medical Homebound
- (a) A medical homebound instruction program for longer than the initial medical homebound instruction period shall only be provided to a student who is recertified in writing by his or her treating physician as having a medical condition that, in the student's treating physician's judgment, continues to prevent the student from returning to regular classes.
 - (b) The initial medical homebound instruction period and any additional medical homebound instruction period shall be for the number of school days certified by the student's review team.
 - (c) Recertification must be obtained upon the expiration of each additional ~~period of~~ medical homebound instruction period if medical homebound instruction is to be continued beyond the initial medical homebound instruction period.
- (5) Re-entry
- (a) Prior to the expiration of the ~~period of~~ medical homebound instruction period, the review team shall develop a treatment transition plan ~~and strategy~~ for the student's reentry into the school environment.
- (6) Attendance and Funding
- (a) Students receiving medical homebound instruction shall not be counted absent from school and shall continue to earn Basic Education Program (BEP) funding- for the LEA in which the student is enrolled. be included in all computations for purposes of generating state school funds.
 - (b) IDEA Part B funds may be expended only for instruction of students with disabilities who are placed in a ~~medical~~ homebound instruction program. ~~placements of children~~ students with disabilities.

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