

## **Instruction**

### **Homebound Instruction**

Homebound instruction shall be provided when a student's condition will cause an absence of at least three weeks' duration. Such instruction shall begin no later than two weeks from the first day of absence, provided that nothing in the student's condition precludes it.

For students not otherwise in need of special education and related services, homebound or hospitalized instruction shall maintain the continuity of the student's regular program. The requirements of evaluation and an individualized education program shall not apply and a planning and placement team meeting need not be convened.

In the case of a child not previously receiving special education and related services, the requirements of evaluation and an individualized education program shall apply if there is reason for the planning and placement team to believe that the child will continue to require special education and related services.

In the case of a child receiving special education and related services, the planning and placement team shall, where necessary, modify short-term instructional objectives in the child's individualized education program.

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided only when the planning and placement team finds that one or more of the following conditions applies:

1. A physician has certified in writing that the student is unable to attend school for medical reasons and has stated the expected date the student will be able to return to the school.
2. The student has a handicap which prevents him/her from learning in a school setting, or his/her presence in school constitutes a hazard to his/her or other students' safety and welfare.
3. A special education program is pending, and the child was at home at the time of the referral.
4. A student is pregnant or has given birth and a physician has certified that homebound or hospitalized instruction is in the child's best interest and should continue for a specified period of time. The Planning and Placement Team should consult with the student's physician to determine when and for how long home instruction is in the best interest of the student.
5. The parents or guardians of a student and the school district agree that a student shall receive homebound instruction.

Homebound instruction shall be provided for at least one hour per day, or five hours per week, for children in grades kindergarten through six and at least two hours per day, or ten hours per week, for children in grades seven through twelve. Where evaluative data indicates that these time requirements are too great for the student, the planning and placement team may decrease instruction time.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-76d. Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.  
Regulations Connecticut State Agencies 10-76d-15 Homebound and hospitalized Instruction

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