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## **627 - HOMEBOUND AND HANDICAPPED**

### **PHILOSOPHY**

The Detroit Lakes School System recognizes that short-term or temporary physical or emotional illnesses are detrimental to the positive educational development of students. This policy recognizes the responsibility of the school to provide an appropriate education for these students. This policy will be implemented in a manner such that any student eligible for homebound services shall have access to an educational program during the duration of the absence.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE**

Students to be covered by this policy are those students with a short-term of temporary physical or emotional illness who are unable to attend the regular school site. This includes students using chemicals, delinquents, pregnancy, and illnesses as determined by state statute.

To be eligible for homebound services, written verification or the student's inability to attend the regular school site must be provided by a medical doctor, psychiatrist, or court authority.

The district of residence must be notified by the district providing the educational service prior to the placement of a student and a tuition agreement must formally be established within fifteen (15) days of the placement.

### **PLACEMENT FOR CARE AND TREATMENT OUTSIDE OF THE HOME DISTRICT**

When a student is placed for care and treatment outside the district, the district where the student is then living will provide the appropriate program. The student will be continued on the Detroit Lakes attendance roles and the district where the student is then enrolled will be responsible to provide the attendance data to our district for foundation aid for the student.

For those students who are handicapped or homebound and placed for care and treatment outside the home district, this district will continue to be considered the district of residence, unless the parent would move from the district. The home district will claim foundation aid for these students and pay excess costs as determined by the tuition agreement on file.

- A. The district of residence is the district in which the parent resides;

- B. For day programs outside the resident district - the resident district is responsible to provide the instruction and transportation either within the resident district or in the other district by paying tuition.
- C. For residential programs outside the resident district - the district in which the facility is located provided instruction and transportation and can bill the resident district for instruction costs; and
- D. District of residence collects foundation aid; district providing transportation collects transportation aid.

### **TERMS OF SERVICE FOR HOMEBOUND**

The district will provide one hour per day of direct instructional service to homebound regular education students for each day of absence from the regular classroom. For handicapped students placed on homebound, the minimum amount of service will be expressed on the Individual Education Plan, but will not be less than one hour per day.

Homebound services will be provided as soon as eligibility has been established and it is anticipated that the student will be absent for more than fifteen (15) consecutive school days. Homebound services will continue for the period of time that the student is medically unable to attend as determined by the medical doctor, psychiatrist, or court authority.