

# Germantown Municipal School District

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- 1 All students with disabilities between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21), inclusive, enrolled in
- 2 the Germantown Municipal School District shall be provided with a free and appropriate public
- 3 education.<sup>1</sup>
  
- 4 Students with disabilities shall be educated in the least restrictive environment. In order to assure that
- 5 each student with a disability is appropriately educated within the least restrictive environment, support
- 6 services are provided to assure that he/she can derive educational benefit.
  
- 7 The needs of certain students are so great that special instructional services or special facilities are
- 8 necessary beyond that of the regular classroom. Any educational placement, other than the regular
- 9 classroom, is made only when it has been determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team that
- 10 such placement is appropriate. Parents or legal guardians have a right to due process procedures if
- 11 they feel that such placement is not appropriate.
  
- 12 Homebound placements, for students with disabilities who are eligible pursuant to IDEA and state
- 13 regulations, shall be provided by qualified personnel, pursuant to the IDEA and state regulations. The
- 14 homebound placement may be provided at home, hospital or related site.
  
- 15 Special Education funds shall not be used to fund homebound placements for students with medical
- 16 conditions of a short duration or temporary nature, and not previously certified as eligible pursuant to
- 17 the IDEA and state regulations.
  
- 18 The IEP team shall consider a medical homebound placement only upon certification by a licensed
- 19 doctor of medicine or osteopathy that a student with a disability needs a homebound placement, is
- 20 expected to be absent from school due to a physical or mental condition for at least ten
- 21 (10) consecutive school days and that the student can receive instruction in a homebound placement
- 22 without endangering the health of personnel providing it.
  
- 23 Homebound placements shall not exceed thirty (30) school days in duration. The IEP shall contain a
- 24 goal of returning the student to a less restrictive environment within the school year, unless there is a
- 25 medical necessity that requires extended homebound instruction, in which case an additional
- 26 homebound placement of thirty (30) school days or less may be instituted.
  
- 27 Where behavioral and/or disciplinary issues cannot be safely addressed in any other educational
- 28 setting, the IEP team may consider a homebound placement. Such changes in placement may be
- 29 instituted strictly on an emergency basis and for a temporary period of time not to exceed thirty (30)
- 30 school days to determine how to best address the student's needs. The IEP team must document that a

- 1 homebound placement is necessary, temporary and consistent with requirements for the provision of a
- 2 free appropriate public education.
  
- 3 The frequency and duration of instruction necessary to provide a free appropriate public
- 4 education during a homebound placement will be determined by the IEP team.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-10-103(c), (e); TCA 49-10-1301, et. seq.;  
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