

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Tyler County Schools shall provide home/hospital instruction services for students who are confined to the home due to injury or health problems/conditions that require him or her to be homebound or hospitalized for a period that has lasted or will last more than two (2) weeks as diagnosed and confirmed by a licensed physician.

This impairment must significantly interfere with his/her educational growth due to injury, communicable illness or a health condition that will interfere with the student's ability to master necessary content standards and objectives and that is diagnosed and confirmed by a licensed physician. Health conditions include injury, serious illness, pregnancy, or school related emotional problems. Requests for homebound instruction due emotional/mental problems must be accompanied by a psychiatric report completed by a certified psychiatrist.

In the case of expectant mothers, homebound instruction may be provided during the ninth month of pregnancy and a maximum of six weeks after delivery, providing that the student experiences a normal pregnancy with no complications.

A licensed physician must provide a written statement to the building level principal that the student must remain at home or in the hospital for a period of two (2) weeks or more. The written statement must include:

1. Specific reasons why the student must remain at home or the hospital;
2. The criteria or condition under which the student can return to school, and the expected date of such return.

Students receiving homebound instruction must have prior approval to attend and/or participate in extracurricular events during the period of time homebound instruction is being provided.

Specific regulations regarding special considerations for eligibility and the delivery of instruction can be found in Policy 2419: Regulations for the Education of Exceptional Students.

The West Virginia Virtual School may provide additional course options to be taken through distance learning that will support the alternative delivery setting for students who have been diagnosed with a life threatening illness by a licensed physician that prevents the student from attending school for a prolonged period of time. The student must have access to the proper technology to receive the instruction via Internet. Tyler County Schools will not be responsible for providing the equipment or connection necessary for delivery of

instruction. Any course taken for high school credit must have prior approval of the principal.

The parent and/or student are responsible for maintaining communication with the homebound teacher(s) in regards to a schedule for services to be provided to the student.

All assignments must be completed by the expected date of return. Those assignments which have not been completed will be recorded as a zero in the gradebook.

Complete procedures and responsibilities for the homebound teacher, classroom teacher, and principal are on file in each principal's office and at the Board of Education office.

REFERENCE: Policy 2419: Regulations for the Education of Exceptional Students: State Board Policy 2510: Assuring the Quality of Education: Regulations for Educational Program's

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