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2412 - HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Board of Education shall provide, pursuant to requirements of the State Board of Education, individual instruction to students of legal school age who are not able to attend classes because of a physical or emotional disability.

The Board of Education shall arrange through the St. Joseph Intermediate School District for individual instruction to students of legal school age who are not able to attend classes because of a physical or emotional disability.

A physician, psychiatrist, hospital (e.g. psychiatric hospitals), or licensed treatment facility (e.g. substance abuse centers) must certify the student as homebound or hospitalized. Psychologists, chiropractors, or other professionals may not certify a student as eligible. The certification must state: ~~Applications for individual instruction shall be made by a physician or physician's assistant (licensed to practice in this State), parent, student, or other care giver. A physician or physician's assistant must:~~

- A. the medical condition requires the student to be confined to home or hospitalized during regular school hours;
- B. the home or hospital confinement will last for a period longer than five (5) consecutive school days; and
- C. must bear the signature of an M.D. or a D.O. if the student was seen by a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.
~~(-) certify the nature and existence of a medical condition;~~
- D. ~~(-) state the probable duration of the confinement;~~
- E. ~~(-) request such instruction;~~
- F. ~~(-) present evidence of the student's ability to participate in an educational program.~~

Applications must be approved by the Principal.

~~[] The District will provide homebound instruction only for those confinements expected to last at least five (5) days.~~

The District shall recommend that the instruction begin within three (3) days from the date of notification for nonspecial-education students. In the case of students under an IEP, the instruction is to begin within fifteen (15) days after notification in order to arrange for a meeting of an I.E.P.C., if necessary.

The program of homebound or hospitalized instruction given each student shall be in accordance with regulations of the State Board of Education with such exceptions as may be recommended by the physician. Teachers of homebound special education students shall hold a Michigan teaching certificate appropriate for the level of instruction for which the assignment is made or for the type of instruction called for by an I.E.P.C. Teachers of nondisabled students must hold a valid teaching certificate.

The District reserves the right to withhold homebound instruction when:

- A. the instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to the health of the teacher;
- B. a parent or other adult in authority is not at home with the student during the hours of instruction;
- C. the condition of the student is such as to preclude the student's benefit from such instruction.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines for implementing the policy.

M.C.L. 388.1606, 388.1709

Reference: Pupil Accounting Manual 2024-2025~~2019-2020~~, Michigan Department of Education

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