

Instruction

HOMEBOUND / HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

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I. GENERAL HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

Home and hospital instruction shall be a teaching service available, as mandated by Section 10-76d-15 of the Connecticut State Board of Education Regulations, to students who are unable to attend school for medical and/or mental health reasons for a period of two weeks or longer due to a verified medical reason as diagnosed by physician, psychiatrist or Planning and Placement Team, or that the student's condition is such that the student may be required to be absent from school for short, repeated periods of time during the school year. The purpose of home or hospital instruction shall be to help students to keep up with their work even though unable to attend school because of their disability. Instruction provided pursuant to this policy shall maintain the continuity of the child's general education program and, in the case of a child with a disability, shall be provided so as to enable the child to continue to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress towards meeting the goals and objectives in the child's IEP.

The PPT shall consider the educational needs of a student with a disability who is medically complex and the need for instruction is to be provided in accordance with an IEP when said student is not able to attend school. A student with a "medically complex" disability is one who has a serious, ongoing illness or chronic condition for at least a year, which requires prolonged or intermittent hospitalization and ongoing invasive medical treatments or medical devices to compensate for the loss of bodily functions.

Home instruction may also be provided for those students who have been excluded from regular school attendance for disciplinary reasons.

No teacher during the school year shall accept remuneration for tutoring students in his/her class. However, if a student is designated as a homebound student, a tutor may be employed by the Board of education.

II. HOMEBOUND REMOTE LEARNING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Fairfield Board of Education ("Board") is authorized to establish procedures governing the provision of continued educational opportunities in response to the rare circumstances in which students require remote instruction instead of regular in-person instruction due to concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop temporary administrative procedures or regulations regarding continued educational opportunities during the 2021-2022 school year in rare and individualized circumstances, for students with elevated risks from COVID-19 exposure due to cohabiting family members with

documented vulnerability to COVID-19. Such temporary administrative procedures or regulations shall:

- A. provide that the Administration will make programming decisions on an individualized, case-by-case basis;
- B. consider a variety of continued educational opportunities as necessary and appropriate;
- C. take into account emerging best practices regarding continued educational opportunities, including, without limitation, any such practices identified by the Connecticut State Department of Education;
- D. squarely document eligibility with equity and consistency in mind, and address the frequency and with what restrictions access will be granted;
- E. provide that the District will count the attendance of any student determined to be eligible who spends not less than one-half of the school day during remote learning engaged in (a) virtual classes, (b) virtual meetings, (c) activities on time-logged electronic systems, and (d) the completion and submission of assignments;
- F. provide for remote learning only for the period of necessity and incorporate periodic review of continued necessity, on an individual basis, of remote educational opportunities; and
- G. acknowledge that such procedures or regulations may require amendment in the event of changing conditions and public health necessities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

(cf. 4138/4238 Non-School Employment)

(cf. 5114 Suspension and Expulsion)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
Section 10-76d-15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as amended.
10-76d Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.
10-233a et sec. Exclusion.

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