

BOARD POLICY

No. 6153

6000 INSTRUCTION

6153 Homebound and Hospitalized Instruction

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided when recommended by the planning and placement team.

A. Requirements of Individualized Education Program

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be as specified in the child's individualized education program, subject to the following:

1. In the case of a child not otherwise in need of special education and related services, homebound or hospitalized instruction shall maintain the continuity of the child's regular program. The requirements of evaluation and an individualized education program shall not apply and a planning and placement team meeting need not be convened.
2. In the case of a child not previously receiving special education and related services, the requirements of evaluation and an individualized education program shall apply if there is a reason for the planning and placement team to believe that the child will continue to require special education and related services.
3. In the case of a child receiving special education and related services, the planning and placement team shall, where necessary, modify short-term instructional objectives in the child's individualized education program.

B. Necessary Conditions

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided only when the planning and placement team finds that one or more of the following conditions applies.

1. A physician has certified in writing that the child is unable to attend school for medical reasons and has stated the expected date the child will be able to return to the school program.
2. The child has a handicap so severe that it prevents the child from learning in a school setting, or the child's presence in school endangers the health, safety or welfare of the child or others.
3. A special education program recommendation is pending and the child was at home at the time of referral.
4. The child is pregnant or has given birth and a physician has certified that homebound or hospitalized instruction is in the child's best interest and should continue for a specified period of time.

C. Responsibility

The primary responsibility of student/athletes and teacher/coaches is to their academic studies and classrooms respectively. Administrative regulations will provide guidance to principals as they balance the requirements of the academic and athletic program.

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D. Management

Since interscholastic athletics are a part of the educational program designed to meet the needs of the participants, all programs shall be organized and scheduled strictly for the benefit of the participating students whose health and safety shall be of primary consideration.

E. Length of Absence

Homebound or hospitalized instruction shall be provided when a child's condition will cause an absence of at least three weeks duration. Provided nothing in the child's condition precludes it, such instruction shall begin no later than two weeks from the first day of absence.

F. Time and Place

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided for at least two hours per day or ten hours per week for children in grades seven through twelve. Where evaluative data indicates that these time requirements are too great for the child, the planning and placement team may decreased instruction time. Instruction shall be provided in the setting of the child's home or the hospital to which the child is confined.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-76; Connecticut State Department of Education Regulations Concerning Children Requiring Special Education, September, 1980, page 26

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