

Policy

Board of Education Randolph

NO. 212 PROGRAM

BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION

It is the policy of the Board to provide instruction to students confined to their homes or hospitalized for illness, disability or psychological considerations. Certification of the nature of the illness, a statement indicating the probable length of absence from school and a recommendation for such instruction must be received from a physician or a psychologist and approved by the school medical examiner.

Generally, only those cases in which an absence of at least two weeks is anticipated shall be considered for individual instruction. However, the superintendent may approve bedside instruction for shorter absences when an unusual need exists. Once it is ascertained that an absence will exceed two weeks, bedside instruction may commence immediately but no later than five school days after notification from the physician has been received.

Instruction shall be provided in the major school subjects for a minimum of five hours per week distributed over three or more days during the week. The program offered shall be no less than that required by the Board for promotion or graduation unless the school medical examiner or Child Study Team finds the scope of such a program would be detrimental to the pupil.

The Board delegates to the superintendent the authority to approve those applications which the school medical examiner has certified and when in the judgment of the superintendent other services are impractical or unavailable. The Board reserves the right to withhold individual instruction when a parent or other appropriate adult authority is not at home with the student during the hours of instruction.

A pupil receiving home instruction is not considered absent. The pupil must be carried on the bedside instruction register until the pupil is able to attend regular classes.

REFERENCE: N.J.A.C. 6:28-4:5
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1
Public Law 94-142

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