

2412 HOME INSTRUCTION DUE TO HEALTH CONDITION (M)

The Board of Education will provide instructional services to enrolled students who are confined to their homes or have been placed in another out-of-school environment due to a temporary or chronic health condition that precludes participation in their usual education setting. These services will be provided when a pupil is determined by the school physician to need confinement to the residence or another suitable out-of-school setting for ten (10) consecutive days or fifteen (15) cumulative school days or more during the school year.

Requests for home instruction shall include a written determination from the pupil's physician documenting the projected need for instruction that will take place outside of the school setting. The written determination from the pupil's physician shall be forwarded to the school physician, who shall verify the need for home instruction.

The school district shall provide instructional services within five (5) school days after receipt of the school physician's verification or, if verification is made prior to the pupil's confinement, during the first week of the pupil's confinement to the home or out-of-school setting.

The home or out-of-school instruction shall meet the minimum standards as required in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(c). The school district will maintain a written plan for the delivery of instruction and the teacher providing instruction shall be appropriately certified for the subject, grade level, and special needs of the pupil pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9. The teacher shall provide one-on-one instruction in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(c)3.

For a pupil with disabilities, the home instruction shall be consistent with the pupil's IEP to the extent appropriate and shall meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8. When the provision for home instruction for a pupil with disabilities will exceed thirty (30) consecutive school days in a school year, the IEP team shall convene a meeting to review and, if appropriate, revise the pupil's IEP.

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For a pupil without disabilities, the home instruction shall meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8 and the district's requirements for promotion at that grade level. When the provision for home instruction for a pupil without disabilities will exceed sixty (60) calendar days, the school physician will refer the pupil to the Child Study Team for evaluation according to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:14.

The school district shall be responsible for the costs of providing instruction for pupils as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(b).

The Board reserves the right to withhold home instruction when the reason for the pupil's confinement is such as to expose a teacher to a health hazard or dangerous home situation, a parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or other responsible adult is not present during the hours of instruction, or the condition of the pupil is such as to preclude benefit from such instruction.

Pupils on home instruction will be accounted for on the attendance register as required by the Department of Education. The name of a pupil on home instruction will not be released at a public Board meeting or placed in a public record.

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