

HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

Homebound or hospital instruction (homebound instruction) provides instruction for students currently enrolled in a Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) school or program whose extended absence from school is the result of a medically verified physical, mental, or emotional illness. Homebound instruction provides educational services for students whose illness, injury or other medical condition results in absences totaling ten or more consecutive days of school. The District, parents/guardians, and the licensed medical provider will agree to share appropriate information and act as partners for the duration of homebound instruction. Parents/guardians and medical providers shall communicate accurate and timely information regarding the medical status of the student. The District will communicate with the parent/ guardian and licensed medical providers as appropriate and in accordance with state and federal law.

A student enrolled in homebound instruction may not participate in extracurricular activities such as field trips, class parties, or track and field days, unless given both a medical clearance and a signed permission by the school's administrative team.

If a student has a disability under either Section 504 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the nature and duration of the instruction and services will be individually designed and determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with both the circumstances and either the student's IEP, Section 504 Plan or the respective IEP or Section 504 placement team, who shall make its decision in accordance with applicable law. When warranted or requested by either the parent/guardian or the District, the IEP team shall convene either an IEP meeting or Section 504 meeting in accordance with applicable law to determine what, if any accommodations, modifications, or services are needed for the student with a disability to access the homebound instruction. The meeting must also determine whether homebound instruction is the child's free appropriate public education (FAPE) placement in the least restrictive environment (LRE) as defined by IDEA.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop a regulation to implement the provisions of this policy.

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LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
29 U.S.C. §701 et seq. (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)
C.R.S. § 22-33-104 (2)(a), (c) and (i) (compulsory attendance exceptions)

CROSS REF.: IHBF-R, Regulation to Policy IHBF, Homebound or Hospital Instruction
IHBF-E-1, Application for Homebound Instruction, Exhibit to Policy IHBF, Homebound or Hospital Instruction
IHBF-E-2, Authorization to Release Medical and/or Mental Health Information to Colorado Springs School District 11, Exhibit to Policy IHBF, Homebound or Hospital Instruction
JKF, Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students
JKD/JKE, Student Suspension/Expulsion/Denial of Admission