

## HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

The schools may furnish homebound instruction to those students who are unable to attend classes for at least two consecutive weeks due to a physical injury, medical situation, or a severe emotional problem. The instruction is designed to provide maintenance in the basic academic courses so that when a student returns to school they will not be at a disadvantage as a result of the illness or the hospitalization.

To qualify for the program, the student needs a completed Physician's Affirmation of Need for Temporary Home or Hospital Education for Medically Necessary Reasons (Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regulation, 603 CMR. 28.03(3)(c)) from the student's physician requesting the homebound instruction, stating the reasons why, and estimating the time the student will be out of school. This statement needs to be sent to the Director of Special Education.

Homebound instruction is offered in basic elementary subjects and in secondary subjects which do not require laboratories and special equipment, subject in all cases to the availability of qualified teachers. Certified teachers shall be assigned to homebound instruction by the Director of Special Education or designee.

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