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Introduction

Homebound Instruction is a service the District *may* provide during a temporary period of excused absence not to exceed three months. Excusal from school attendance during this period *may* be granted, "...upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of mental, physical or other urgent reasons, but the term 'urgent reasons' shall be strictly construed and does not permit irregular attendance." (22 PA. CODE CH. 11 Sec. 25). Homebound Instruction should be used as a last resort after all other options and /or alternative schedules (i.e. half days, work packets, etc.) have been exhausted. Homebound Instruction is not intended, nor can it be construed, as a method of delivering a full curriculum and may not provide sufficient grades/credits for promotion.

Procedures for requesting and documenting the need for a temporary period of excused absence and Homebound Instruction follow. Homebound Instruction is not a replacement or substitute for school attendance.

Homebound Instruction is not a special education placement. However, students with Individual Education Plans (IEP) may receive Homebound Instruction during a temporary excused absence from school attendance after which they will return to school.

Homebound Instruction is not to be confused with "*Instruction Conducted in the Home*", which is included in the definition of special education located in the federal regulations (34 CFR §300.39(a)(i)) and is recognized as a placement option on the continuum of alternative placements for students with disabilities (34 CFR §300.115. This option is restricted to students who, because of a severe medical condition or mobility impairment, are unable to leave home to attend school.

Homebound Instruction is also not to be confused with "*Home Schooling*". Section 1327.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code provides for a home education program designed to permit a parent, guardian or legal custodian ("supervisor") who has a high school diploma or its equivalent to conduct a home education program for his or her child or children.

Students who are hospitalized at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Shriner's Hospital may be eligible for "*Hospital/Homebound Instruction*" provided by hospital-based teachers, while the students are inpatient (or in frequent weekly treatment, such as dialysis). Obtaining hospital-based services does not require prior processing at the home school or approval by the Homebound Coordinator. However, once the student is home and requires a minimum of 4 weeks additional absence, or ongoing intermittent absences, the procedure for arranging Homebound Instruction is to be followed.

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Purpose

The purpose of Homebound Instruction is to provide students with some level of instructional services during a temporary period of absence so that on return to school they can re-engage successfully with their instructional program.

Criteria for Eligibility

1. A student may be excused from school attendance and provided Homebound Instruction for a period not to exceed three (3) months, providing the following criteria are met.
 - a. The parent /guardian must document urgent reasons by providing medical documentation from a physician for an acute condition that prevents the student attending school for a period of at least four (4) weeks.
 - b. If the urgent reason is due to a condition that is treated by a specialist, the proper documentation will be required to be completed by the treating specialist. For example: respiratory dysfunction, documentation by a pulmonologist, allergist or immunologist will be requested. If the urgent reason is due to mental/behavioral conditions, documentation by a board certified psychiatrist will be requested.
 - c. The physician's documentation is not to be construed as prescriptive. The Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services will make a determination regarding the approval of Homebound Instruction if the documentation provided (a) validates that the student cannot be in a school setting, (b) demonstrates a treatment plan that includes goals/supports that return the student to the school setting as quickly as possible and (c) provides a projected date when the student will return.
 - d. If additional information is required by the school nurse for clarification of the medical documentation, the parent/guardian must give written consent consistent with FERPA, HIPAA and the Mental Health Act. This consent will permit designated school personnel (school nurse, principal, etc) to speak with the physician regarding information that pertains to the student's inability to attend school.
2. A student may be provided Homebound Instruction on an intermittent basis during short but repeated periods of absences due to exacerbations of a chronic medical condition (authenticated by the medical provider in writing). The student is expected to return to school when the exacerbation subsides. Chronic medical conditions such as sickle cell disease, lymphoma, or cystic fibrosis may qualify a student to be approved for intermittent service. The approval for intermittent Homebound Instruction will be granted for no longer than one (1) school year and will expire at the end of any school year.
3. At any point, the District may request additional information about a student's absences and health status to justify continuation of Homebound Instruction. If the information is not provided, the District may terminate Homebound Instruction and the student shall be marked as truant. Continuation of Homebound Instruction beyond three (3) months requires submission of a new Physician's Referral for Homebound Instruction (SEC-137A), which may or may not be approved.

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Pregnant Students/Teen Parents

Pregnant students are expected to abide by the School District of Philadelphia's attendance policy.

1. If a pregnant student is unable to attend school for a certified medical reason (i.e. requires continuous bed rest, at risk for premature delivery, etc.) the procedure to apply for Homebound Instruction must be followed, if the absences are to extend for more than four (4) weeks.
2. Once a pregnant student delivers her child, her absences from school are to be marked as excused for a maximum of thirty (30) school days. Refer to the School Attendance Procedure for Pregnant Students/ Teen Parent Leave. Once the pregnant student delivers she is not considered automatically eligible for Homebound Instruction.
3. If the student's physician has a certified medical reason for the student to be absent from school for more than six (6) weeks post partum, the Comprehensive Student Assistance Process (CSAP) team (including the school nurse) should initiate the process to obtain homebound services.
4. Homebound Instruction is not to be granted to the student teen parent because of lack of child-care and is not to be granted solely because the pregnant student is in her third trimester.
5. If any assistance is needed in determining the proper procedure for pregnant students or teen parents contact the ELECT/Cradle to the Classroom Program, Office of Early Childhood Education, Office of School Support, (215) 400-4270, for assistance.

Procedures

The timeliness of the school and the District in processing homebound requests is dependent on the completeness and proper documentation of the required 'Physician's Referral for Homebound Instruction' (SEC-137A).

1. All requests for Homebound Instruction are referred to the school nurse. (see "Roles and Responsibilities, The School Nurse" section). The school nurse will give the parent/guardian:
 - a. "Physician's Referral for Homebound Instruction" (SEC-137A, current version available online at <http://www.philasd.org/forms/SEC-137A.pdf>)
 - b. "Parent Agreement letter" (MEH-210)
2. Completed SEC-137A is returned to the school nurse.
 - a. School nurse verifies that all parts of the SEC-137A are completed, including the anticipated return to school date.
 - b. The school nurse may need to contact the medical professional(s), requesting additional information *before* requests are submitted to the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services for review.
 - c. The SEC-137A and any supporting documents (SEC-137B) are faxed to the Office of School Health Services, where the request for services are approved or denied by the Homebound Coordinator.

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- d. The Homebound Coordinator e-mails the principal and the school nurse with the decision and, if approved, the number of hours allowed and end date of services.
3. If the request is denied, the student must attend school and shall be marked as truant if he or she does not return to school.
4. If the Homebound Instruction request is approved:
 - a. If the student is regular education, the CSAP team convenes to complete the “Education Plan for Homebound Instruction” (MEH-211), for the student. (See CSAP/IEP Team section).
 - b. If the student is special education, the IEP team convenes to complete the “Education Plan for the Homebound Instruction” (MEH-211), for the student. (See CSAP/IEP Team section).
5. Teacher identification process is initiated by the principal or assistant principal (See “Teacher Identification” section).
6. Teacher contacts the student’s parent/guardian to set up a schedule to deliver instruction. (See “Homebound Teacher General Guidelines”).
7. Progress reports and marks shall be submitted to the student’s home school following the District’s timeline for grade submission and at the termination of Homebound Instruction.
8. Student returns to school at the completion of Homebound Instruction.
 - a. Parent/guardian shall be contacted by the school nurse at least once, half way through the student’s scheduled absence, for an update on the student’s progress.
 - b. Requests for extension of homebound services beyond three (3) months will require a new SEC-137A (See “Renewal or Extension of Homebound Instruction” section).
 - c. Requests for approval of continuing intermittent homebound service from year to year must be resubmitted in September of every school year.

Roles and Responsibilities

The **School Nurse** will:

1. Provide the parent/guardian with the “Physician’s Referral for Homebound Instruction” (SEC-137A) to be completed by the student’s treating medical specialist. For behavioral/mental health conditions, which prevent the student from attending school a board certified psychiatrist is the only health care provider who can assess the student and deem that the student is too ill to attend school.
2. Review the parent’s responsibilities with the parent and have the parent sign the “Parent Agreement Letter” (MEH-210).
3. Present the case to the CSAP team for regular education students and the IEP team for special education students.
4. Submit a copy of the SEC-137A and the “Report of Homebound Instruction/Instruction Conducted in the Home” (SEC- 137B) to: Homebound Coordinator, Office of School Health Services, 440 N. Broad Street, Suite 206, Philadelphia. PA 19130 or (preferred) fax to: 215 400-4173.
5. Monitor the medical progress of the student by contact with the parent/guardian at least once, half way through the scheduled absence.

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6. Monitor the need for continuation of Homebound Instruction for the student with a new SEC-137A every three (3) months.
7. Document information regarding the request for services, ongoing interaction with the student, family, staff or health providers, and student's health status on the Health Information System (HIS), in the H7, using HMBD code.
 - a. Approval of services will be documented by School Health Services in the H1 screen.
 - b. Delete this code (SHIFT-underscore) in H1 once Homebound Instruction has ended and document student's return to school or end of services in H7.
8. Non computerized schools will document the information on the Health Record for the Student (MEH-3).

The **Principal or Assistant Principal** will:

1. Refer all requests for Homebound Instruction from parents/guardians, agencies or other responsible parties to the school nurse. The school nurse provides the requestor with the Physician's Referral form (SEC- 137A), the Parent Agreement letter (MEH-210) and will inform the parent/guardian of the Homebound Instruction approval process.
2. Select and assign homebound teacher(s) to the student upon receipt of notification of approval of Homebound Instruction from the school nurse (Refer to the Teacher Identification section).
3. Monitor the attendance, payroll procedures (note: travel time 15 minutes per visit per student.) and delivery of the EC Homebound Instruction. (Hours of service, completion of required forms).
 - a. Should the assigned teacher come from a school other than the student's home school, the teacher's payroll school principal will monitor payroll procedures. The student's home school principal will continue to monitor instruction.
4. Supervise and monitor instructional programs provided to students on homebound status.
5. Assure that students shall be credited with full attendance during the approved dates for Homebound Instruction and continue to be counted on the school roll.

The **School Payroll Secretary** will:

1. Give teacher(s) the Homebound Teacher's General Guidelines explaining the use of the forms and the possible consequences of non-compliance with District policy with respect to completion and timely submission of the:
 - a. "Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction" (MEH-211)
 - b. "Progress Report for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction" (MEH-212)
 - c. "Daily Time Report Homebound/Hospital" (S-19HB, current version available online at <http://www.philasd.org/forms/S-19HB.pdf>)
2. Receive fully completed S-19HB's from teacher, obtain Principal's or Assistant Principal's signature, then fax to School Health Services at 215-400-4173.

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3. After receiving return fax of approval from School Health Services administrator, record the teacher's hours on the EBAR (EC Budget Authorization Record) system for EC payroll.
 - a. Should the assigned teacher come from a school other than the student's home school, *the payroll secretary at the teacher's payroll location* shall follow the payroll procedures described above.

The **Homebound Teacher** will:

1. Review the "Homebound Teacher's General Guidelines", including the "Explanation of Forms Used for Homebound Instruction" section:
 - a. "Parent Agreement for Homebound Instructional form" (MEH-210)
 - b. "Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction" (MEH-211)
 - c. "Progress Report for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction" (MEH-212)
 - d. "Daily Time Report Homebound/Hospital" (S-19HB)
 - i. To be signed by parent/guardian, not by student.
 - e. "Employee Reimbursement Form" (SEH-195)
2. Ensure that delivery of Homebound Instruction is consistent with the School District of Philadelphia's school year calendar and no instruction is conducted on any District- observed holidays, weekends, or during the summer holidays.
3. Instruct up to a maximum of four (4) hours per day for all assigned homebound students combined.
4. Schedule to provide instruction after school hours, concluding no later than: 7:00 pm for homebound students that are in grades K through 3; 8:00pm for homebound students in grades 4 through 8; and 9:00 pm for homebound students in grades 9 through 12.
 - a. It is advisable that Homebound Instruction should be delivered as close to the end of the school day as possible.
5. Telephone the parent/guardian to establish the dates and time for student instructional sessions.
6. Participate with the special education team and support team in the development of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
7. Following the School Districts schedule for grade submission homebound teachers shall submit marks to be reviewed.

The **CSAP Team** will:

1. Convene to review and recommend instructional content to be provided at home during an absence of a regular education student at his/her school. The school nurse must be included in the CSAP team to review the medical justification for absence and the need for Homebound Instruction.
2. Complete the "Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction" (MEH-211) for the homebound teacher.
3. Reconvene if there are any difficulties in the delivery of Homebound Instruction to the student.

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4. Organize a return plan for the homebound student to return to school reengaged with the instructional program.

Interagency Meeting:

1. An interagency meeting may be convened for students requesting Homebound Instruction for behavioral/mental health conditions, or for students who have existing interagency support, to discuss the request for Homebound Instruction and the need for the agency support.
2. Parents/guardians must be informed that students excused from school and provided with Homebound Instruction based on a mental health diagnosis are expected to maintain and report progress on the student's treatment plan from the outside agency.
3. Parent/ guardian shall be informed that termination of treatment may result in the discontinuation of Homebound Instruction and designation of truancy on the student attendance report.
4. A plan to return to school should be developed at the interagency meeting. The plan may consist of, but not be limited to: having Homebound Instruction take place within the student's school or a public library; having the homebound student start a modified school schedule along with supplemental Homebound Instruction; wrap-around services, etc.

The IEP team will:

1. Convene to review the IEP and determine free and appropriate public education (FAPE) for Homebound Instruction during the approved period of absence. The school nurse must be included in the CSAP team to review the medical justification for absence and the need for Homebound Instruction.
2. Complete the "Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction" (MEH-211), for the homebound teacher.
3. Reconvene if there are any difficulties in the delivery of Homebound Instruction to the student.
4. Organize a return plan for the homebound student to return to school reengaged with their instructional program.

The Parent/Guardian of the homebound student will:

1. Review the "Parent Agreement for Homebound Instruction" letter (MEH- 210).
2. Return the completed "Physician's Referral for Homebound Instruction" (SEC-137A) form to the school nurse for review.
3. Arrange with the assigned homebound teacher dates and times after school hours that would be optimal for instruction of the child.
4. Sign the "Parent Agreement for Homebound Instruction" letter (MEH-210), and return to homebound teacher.
5. Ensure that a responsible adult is present in the home for the instructional hour.
6. Provide a clean, quiet, well-lit room with adequate heat where the homebound teacher and the child will work.
7. Eliminate all distractions such as TV, radio, pets and other young children during instructional and study time.

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8. Have the child appropriately dressed and ready for instruction upon arrival of the homebound teacher.
9. Attempt to arrange doctor appointments, therapy, etc. so they do not conflict with the scheduled instruction when possible. Notify the teacher by 8:30 am to cancel instructional time if the student is too ill to be taught or if any other persons in the home are suffering from a contagious illness.
10. Provide the school nurse with progress updates of the child, at least once, half way through the scheduled absence for Homebound Instruction.
11. Sign the “Daily Time Report Hospital/Homebound” (S-19HB) at the end of each instructional period.
12. Be responsible for submission to the school nurse a new “Physician’s Referral for Homebound Instruction” (SEC-137A) before the completion of three (3) months of instruction, in the event that the student will require an extension of Homebound Instruction beyond the time previously approved.

Teacher Identification

1. It is the responsibility of the principal or assistant principal to identify a teacher for Homebound Instruction.
2. In elementary schools the student’s teacher of record shall be asked first regarding becoming the student’s homebound teacher.
3. For special education students in elementary school, the student’s special education teacher of record shall be asked first.
4. In middle schools & high schools the student’s teacher(s) for the area(s) in which the student will be receiving instruction is approached first regarding becoming the student’s homebound teacher.
5. If the position(s) of homebound teacher(s) is unfilled at this point, the position for homebound teacher shall be advertised throughout the school. Selection will be based on article XVII, C.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Should multiple applicants equally meet the criteria, selection will be based on location seniority date.)
6. If the position(s) of homebound teacher(s) continues to be unfilled, the Academic Division shall be contacted to advertise for the position throughout the Division. Selection will be based on article XVII, C.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Should multiple applicants equally meet the criteria, selection will be based on system seniority date).
7. If the position(s) of homebound teacher(s) continues to be unfilled, the principal shall notify the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services and request that the position(s) be advertised throughout the District. Selection will be based on article XVII, C.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Should multiple applicants equally meet the criteria, selection will be based on system seniority date).
8. While the position is unfilled, the school may continue to reach out to the student and family and, if appropriate to the health status of the student, engage the student by methods such as learning packets, e-mail, Skype, etc., until a teacher begins Homebound Instruction.

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Instructional Hours

Homebound Instruction is intended as a temporary accommodation to keep the student engaged in the school program. It is not intended, nor can it be construed, as a method of delivering the full curriculum.

1. If the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services approves the request for Homebound Instruction for a minimum of four (4) weeks, but less than three (3) months, Homebound Instruction will consist of:
 - a. Elementary Level (K-8): Two (2) one hour sessions weekly.
 - b. Secondary Level (9-12): Three (3) one hour sessions weekly.
 - c. Graduating High School Students (12th grade): student carrying three (3) or more major subjects may receive up to a total of five (5) hours weekly.
2. If the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services approves a request for an extension of homebound services after the completion of three (3) months, instructional hours may consist of Intermittent Homebound Instruction.
3. **Intermittent Homebound Instruction** may be provided for students with chronic medical conditions that, although under treatment, have episodes of exacerbation and abatement of symptoms, resulting in recurring periodic absences.
 - a. Elementary students (K-8) are to receive two (2) hours of instruction per the equivalent of 5 days of absences and secondary students (9-11) are to receive three (3) hours of instruction per the equivalent of 5 days of absences. Graduating high school students (12th grade) carrying three (3) or more major subjects may receive up to a total of five (5) hours per the equivalent of 5 days of absences.
 - b. The week of absences must be for the condition that the Intermittent Homebound Instruction was approved.

Example 1: If an elementary student has scheduled kidney dialysis for 3 days per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), he can receive Intermittent Homebound Instruction once he has missed 5 days of school. Therefore, after the second consecutive Wednesday he would have had five (5) days of excused absences because of his chronic condition and would be entitled to two (2) hours of instruction.

Example 2: A high school student in grade 9-11 has sickle cell disease and experiences a period of sickle cell crisis that lasts for a period of ten (10) school days. Once the student feels better she would be entitled to six (6) hours of Intermittent Homebound Instruction.

Extended School Year (ESY) Programs

1. A student with an IEP who is receiving Homebound Instruction that is approved to continue to the end of the school year and whose IEP team has determined is eligible for ESY may be eligible for ESY Homebound Instruction.
 - a. ESY homebound service must have been authorized through the usual Homebound Instruction approval process.
2. ESY Homebound Instruction teachers must be selected through the ESY teacher selection process as part of the regular ESY program

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Renewal or Extension of Approved Service

1. The school nurse will contact the parent/guardian of the student receiving Homebound Instruction at least half way through the scheduled absence (i.e., if a student is scheduled to be absent for 12 weeks, there should be contact made between the nurse and the parent/guardian by at least 6 weeks).
 - a. If a treating medical specialist (a psychiatrist in cases of mental illness) feels that a student will require more than 3 months of Homebound Instruction a new “Physician’s Referral for Homebound” (SEC-137A) will be required.
 - b. The school nurse will explain to the parent/guardian that it is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to see that the required referral forms are completed and presented to the school in a timely manner. The school nurse will inform the parent/guardian that if the SEC-137A is incomplete or does not demonstrate an urgent medical reason for excusal of school attendance, the request will not be approved.
 1. At any point the District may request additional information to clarify the need for Homebound Instruction.
 2. Additional information requested may include, but is not limited to, the treatment plan, goals and objectives of treatment, and when student can be expected to return to school.
 3. If the information is not provided the District may change the attendance status of the student from excused to unexcused followed by a truancy referral.
 - c. The SEC-137A must be completed and signed before the three (3) month period expires in order for service to continue without interruption.
 - d. The new SEC-137A must be submitted for approval to the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services.
 - e. If the school nurse does not receive a new SEC-137A, Homebound Instruction is to be discontinued by the school and the student shall be marked as truant if the student does not return to school.
2. Students who are receiving Instruction Conducted in the Home will require one (1) Physician’s Referral for Homebound Instruction (SEC-137A) at the beginning of the IEP placement and once, yearly. The IEP team for students receiving Instruction Conducted in the Home, which is considered a special education placement, will monitor student’s progress and continued need for services at home. The school nurse is a member of the IEP team and must be included in recommendations for continuation of or changes in service.
3. Students who are receiving Intermittent Homebound Instruction will require one (1) Physician’s Referral for Homebound Instruction (SEC-137A) for each school year.

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Student Grades and Records

1. Students will receive grades from Homebound Instruction by the designated homebound teacher. Grades should be submitted to the principal or assistant principal at the homebound student's school.
2. Teachers will enter grades in the "Progress Report for Students on Homebound Instruction" (MEH-212) and shall follow the School District's timeline for grade submission.
3. All grades and teaching hours will be reviewed by the principal prior to issuance of report cards or entry on the official student records.
4. Student's grades and attendance should be submitted to the school to be maintained as part of the Pupil Pocket by the homebound teacher. Failure to do so may result in funds being withheld from the assigned teacher's reimbursement for Homebound Instruction.

Program Monitoring and Assessment Process

1. "Physician's Referral for Homebound" (SEC-137A) and the "Report of Homebound Instruction/Instruction Conducted in the Home" (SEC-137B) must be submitted to the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services.
2. If Homebound Instruction will extend past three (3) months, a new SEC-137A will need to be submitted to the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services. Once approval or denial of Homebound Instruction extension is given, the School Nurse and the School Principal will be notified by the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services.
3. At the completion of Homebound Instruction for the student, a copy of the Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction (MEH- 212) and the Progress Report for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction (MEH-211) must be submitted to the school's principal or administrative designee.
4. The procedures for implementing homebound/hospital instruction have been established by the Office of School Health Services and are subject to monitoring, audits and investigation.

Homebound Instruction for Non-Public Schools

1. In keeping with ACT 89, homebound services will be provided on a contractual basis effective September 1997, by the following agencies:
 - a. Catapult Learning
 - b. CORA Services
2. Initial notification to one of the above agencies of the approval of services, as well as to the school nurse, will be made by the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services, after which the agency may contact the school nurse directly.

Homebound Teacher's General Guidelines

1. Review carefully the materials enclosed in the "Homebound Procedure Manual" before visiting the home.
2. Delivery of Homebound Instruction must be consistent with the School District of Philadelphia's school year calendar. When the School District observes any given

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- holiday, weekend or summer holidays, Homebound Instruction is not to be delivered to the homebound student.
3. Instruct up to a maximum of four (4) hours per day for all assigned homebound students combined.
 4. Schedule to provide instruction after school hours, concluding no later than: 7:00 pm for homebound students who are in grades K through 3; 8:00pm for homebound students in grades 4 through 8; and 9:00pm for homebound students in grades 9 through 12.
 - a. It is advisable that Homebound Instruction be delivered as close to the end of the school day as possible.
 5. Teacher(s) shall be certified in the subject area in which they are instructing. For homebound students who are designated special education, their homebound teacher must have special education certification.
 6. When preparing lesson plans for Homebound Instruction sessions:
 - a. Refer to “Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction” (MEH-211) as a guide for instruction.
 - b. Instruction in the designated courses will be based on the School District of Philadelphia’s CORE curriculum or functional curriculum and/or the student’s IEP goals.
 - c. Textbooks and other instructional materials are to be provided by the student’s home school. All Homebound students are to participate in all state and District assessments including the PSSA, the PASA and the Terra Nova or alternate to the Terra Nova. Arrangements for test administration are to be made with the homebound student’s home school.
 7. Student grades will be based upon individual improvement or mastery of each courses’ skills based on the School District of Philadelphia curriculum and/or on the mastery of the Individual Educational Plan’s (IEP) goals for Special Education students.
 8. Homebound teacher(s) may be expected to participate with the Special Education team and support team in the development of the student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).
 9. Grades for student work are to be reviewed by the principal or administrative designee prior to issuance of report card grades or entry on the official student records.
 10. Documentation of Homebound Instruction via the “Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction” (MEH -211) and the “Progress Report for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction” (MEH-212) will be maintained by the student’s home school.
 11. The homebound student’s home school, should that school be different than the teacher’s payroll school, will need to be informed either verbally or in writing once instruction is completed. The home school will also need to be informed in writing if any difficulties in delivering instruction are encountered or if there is a breach in the Parent Agreement.
 12. Homebound Services are considered as extra-curricular (EC) hours and teachers are paid for services through a special EC Homebound budget.

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13. The EC time providing Homebound Instruction is logged on the S-19HB form. The S-19HB should be signed by the homebound student's parent/guardian and signed by the student's home school principal or the teacher's payroll principal when the student attends a school other than the teacher's payroll school.
14. The procedures for implementing homebound/hospital instruction have been established by the Office of School Health Services and are subject to monitoring, audits and investigation.

Explanation of Forms used for Homebound Instruction (All forms may be found at <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/forms>)

MEH-211: Education Plan for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction

1. Completed by the CSAP or IEP team, once approval for Homebound Instruction is received from the Homebound Coordinator in the Office of School Health Services.
 - a. The student's home school teacher(s) are required to complete the Current Educational Program section.
 - b. The team, including the home school teacher(s), completes the Proposed Educational Plan section.
2. A completed copy is to be given to the assigned homebound teacher and a copy should remain in the student's pupil pocket.

MEH-210: The Parent Agreement for Homebound Instruction

1. Should be given to the homebound student's parent/guardian on the initial visit to the homebound student's home, or sooner, for review and the *required* signature.
2. A signed copy of the Parent Agreement shall be kept at the homebound student's home school.

MEH-212: Progress Report for Students Receiving Homebound Instruction

1. Required to be completed by the homebound teacher(s) at least once during any report period (or convalescence period of shorter duration)
2. Curriculum Areas reflected on the MEH-212 should be consistent with the areas designated on the MEH-211 Proposed Education Plan.
3. The MEH-212 is to be reviewed and verified by the principal or the administrative designee before the issuance of any formal grades.
4. A copy of the MEH-212 may be given to the parent/guardian after the principal or the administrative designee's review and verification. A copy must also be forwarded to the student's home school to be maintained in the student's pupil pocket.

S-19HB: Daily Time Report

1. A teacher providing Homebound Instruction will record his/her hours worked on an S-19HB.
 - a. The parent/guardian must sign the Daily Time Report (S-19HB) on each line after each instructional session. Student signatures are not acceptable.
 - b. The teacher's payroll school principal must sign each form (regardless of whether the student's home school is the same as the teacher's payroll school) for time and attendance monitoring purposes.
 - c. The homebound teacher must place his/her name at the top of this form and fill in the weekly dates and times.
 - d. The homebound teacher will tally the biweekly instructional hours.

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- e. The homebound teacher's signature is required on the bottom of the form.
2. The completed S-19HB must be faxed to 215-400-4173 by the teacher's payroll secretary to School Health Services for administrative verification of hours and signature.
 - a. If approved, a return fax will be sent back to the payroll secretary, who is responsible for recording the teacher's hours on the Homebound EBAR regardless of which school the student attends.
 - b. Incomplete Daily Time Reports (S-19HB) will be returned to the homebound teacher for correction.
3. An EBAR has been set up for each school to pay its teachers for Homebound Instruction. The hours cannot be entered into the TPER until hours have been approved by School Health Services. The payroll secretary must type the word HOME over BASE on the TPER and record the hours.
4. The teacher will submit an original completed S-19HB Daily Time Report on a bi-weekly basis.
5. The School Health Services administrator will:
 - a. Compute a travel time allowance of 15 minutes per student who is provided Homebound Instruction
 - b. Personally sign the top of the S-19HB form.
 - c. Return a copy of the signed S-19HB to the school for the hours to be entered onto the TPER and for the school's records.
6. The school secretary will indicate the total number of hours on the Time and Attendance Report.

SEH-195: Employee Expense Reimbursement

1. Teachers are entitled to seek reimbursement for mileage accumulated for Homebound Instruction.
2. Reimbursements are based on current approved mileage allowance and should be submitted for one-way travel only to a work location.
 - a. Example: If a teacher's home school is Strawberry Mansion HS and has 2 students (student A and B) for whom Homebound Instruction is being provided, mileage should be calculated as follows:
 - i. From Strawberry Mansion HS to Student A's home and from Student A's home to Student B's home.
3. Employee Expense Reimbursement (SEH-195) forms should be submitted monthly to the Accounting Office once the principal or assistant principal of the employee's home school signs the form.