



Homebound Instruction

What Is It?

- Homebound instruction provides services to students who are unable to attend school because of a physical disability or a specific health problem. Homebound services may be provided in the home, at the school, at a community center, or a public library. Homebound services are provided free of charge.
- Homebound services are available for general education and special education students. However, less than 1% of students with disabilities receive homebound instruction.
- Unlike homeschooling, in homebound instruction educational services are provided by school district personnel. State laws vary on who is allowed to provide homebound instruction.
- Homebound services provide significantly less hours of instruction than a traditional classroom setting. Students are often expected to complete large amounts of homework to compensate for the limited instruction time. Some school districts allow homebound instruction combined with limited school attendance when a child is transitioning back for school after an illness or injury.

How Do I Get Started?

- The procedure for how to qualify for homebound services varies by school district. However, a homebound committee is often responsible for determining who should receive homebound services.
- If you believe your child should receive homebound services, discuss it with your medical provider. A signed letter from a physician documenting your child's condition is typically required to be considered for medical homebound services.
- Contact the school's 504 coordinator in order to learn school district specific policies regarding homebound instruction.



References

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Guidelines for Providing Homebound Instruction to Students with Disabilities
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