

Tyrone Area School District

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

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117. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION	
<p>1. Authority SC 1329 Title 22 Sec. 11.25</p>	<p>The board shall provide, pursuant to law and regulations, homebound instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness, injury, urgent reasons, or when such confinement is recommended for psychological or psychiatric reasons. The period of homebound instruction for an individual shall not exceed three (3) months and shall not exceed five (5) hours per week.</p>
<p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p><u>Application</u></p> <p>The application for homebound instruction shall certify the nature of the illness or disability, state the probable duration of the confinement, and be recommended by the Superintendent. The application for homebound instruction must include the Tyrone Area School District Healthcare Provider Homebound Education Prescription form. The completed application form shall be submitted to the child's school building office, after which the principal or designee will obtain a certified instructor to provide homebound instruction. In cases involving mental illness, the prescription must be issued by a certified psychiatrist. Copies of these forms will be kept on file with the homebound education coordinator and the district Business Office.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.25</p>	<p>The superintendent or designee may request approval from the Department of Education, by completing PDE-4675, Request/Approval for Extension of Reimbursable Homebound Instruction, to extend the period of homebound instruction for an individual, which shall be re-evaluated every three (3) months and at which time a new medical excuse must be submitted. Under no circumstances may homebound instruction and regular instruction occur simultaneously after a student returns to school.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p>The board shall provide homebound instruction only for those confinements expected to last more than two (2) weeks. Exceptions may be approved by the Superintendent.</p> <p><u>Pregnancy</u></p> <p>Pregnancy, unless there are other certified medical complications, is a health condition which, in and of itself, does not qualify a student for homebound instruction. "Complications" do not encompass morning sickness; late stage in pregnancy; discomfort when sitting; swollen ankles; back discomfort; difficulty handling the stairs; etc.</p> <p>Homebound instruction may be provided up to six (6) weeks following birth. A statement from the attending physician stating the birth date of the infant must be</p>

submitted by the student along with the Homebound Request form and Healthcare Provider Homebound Education Prescription form.

Instruction and Attendance

The program of homebound instruction provided to each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the state. Homebound instruction may not exceed five (5) hours per week and must take place during the confines of the school year. If an exception is necessary and more than five (5) hours of instruction per week is necessary, or the instruction must continue after the completion of the school year, the superintendent or designee must seek approval from the Department of Education by completing PDE-4676, Request/Approval for Reimbursable Homebound Instruction, More Than Five Hours Per Week or After the Regular School Year Has Ended.

Attendance by the homebound student shall be in accordance with the Tyrone Area School District Attendance Policy and is subject to Pennsylvania's Compulsory School Attendance and Truancy Guidelines. If a student or parent/guardian cancels a homebound instruction session for medical reasons, a Tyrone Area School District Medical Excuse Form (located on the district website www.tyrone.k12.pa.us) must be submitted for the student's absence to be "excused." If the homebound instruction does not take place in the student's home, the instruction may take place at a mutually agreed upon location. In all cases, a parent/guardian or other adult in authority must be present with the student during the hours of instruction.

A student who is receiving homebound instruction is not eligible to attend regular classroom instructional programs. Participation in extra-curricular activities, field trips, etc. during the homebound instruction period will be at the discretion of the administration.

Exception

The board/superintendent reserves the right to withhold homebound instruction when the instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement presents a hazard to the health of the teacher; a parent/guardian or other adult in authority is not present with the student during the hours of instruction; or the condition of the student precludes any benefit from such instruction.

References

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1329

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 11.25