6190 - Homebound Instruction

A student who has not completed high school but who is physically or emotionally ill is eligible for homebound instruction, either in a hospital or at home. A physician's referral is necessary to certify that the student will be absent from school for a minimum of fifteen (15) school days. The initial referral for instruction comes to the homebound office from the school nurse or principal, is then certified by the physician before assignment of a homebound instructor.

A licensed teacher will be assigned to the student. The homebound teacher receives assignments, books, and teaching materials from the student's home school. Although the homebound teacher does the teaching, the class assignments come from the student's home school. Grades, attendance, and subject matter covered are electronically recorded at the student's school by the homebound instructor.

The homebound teacher must understand the nature of the student's illness, his/her ability, and his/her progress in regular school classwork. All information must be dealt with in a confidential manner.

A homebound student will be provided five (5) hours of homebound instruction each week, one hour of tutoring being legally equivalent to one day of classroom attendance. The Director of School Operations or the Director of Special Services may authorize homebound instruction for special cases other than physical or emotional illness.

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