

Instruction

Homebound and Hospitalized Instruction for Medical Reasons

In accordance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 10-76d-15, the Middletown Board of Education (the “Board”) shall provide instruction to a student enrolled in the Middletown Public Schools (the “District”) when such student is unable to attend school due to a verified medical reason, which may include mental health issues.

Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be available to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons, which may include mental health issues, that have been verified by the student’s treating physician in accordance with the requirements of state regulations, this policy and any associated administrative regulations, for a period of at least ten (10) consecutive school days or short, repeated periods of time during the school year. The purpose of homebound and hospital instruction shall be to maintain the continuity of the child’s general education program and, in the case of a child with a disability eligible for special education and related services, to enable the child to continue to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress towards meeting the goals and objectives in the child’s Individualized Education Program (“IEP”).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a student’s Planning and Placement Team (“PPT”) or Section 504 Team may determine that a student requires homebound or hospital instruction in order to provide the student with a Free Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”), in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (“Section 504”).

A PPT shall consider the educational needs of a student with a disability who is medically complex and the need for instruction to be provided in accordance with an IEP when said student is not able to attend school. A student with a “medically complex” disability is one who has a serious, ongoing illness or chronic condition for at least one year and requires prolonged or intermittent hospitalization and ongoing medical treatments or medical devices to compensate for the loss of bodily functions.

No teacher shall accept remuneration for tutoring students enrolled in their class during the school year unless the student is designated as a homebound student and the teacher has been assigned such tutoring by an administrator within the District.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop administrative regulations to guide the implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-76d. Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies
10-76d-15 Homebound and hospitalized instruction

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