

# Handbook Change Summary 2025-26

The IPA Model Student Handbook has only a few changes posted since last school year. The changes include minor updates to grammar and references to other updated resources such as PRESS policies. These updates are not changes in policy and minor edits have been made for SY 2025-26.

After meeting with parent advisory groups and discussing changes with our administrative team, there is only one proposed policy change. It is regarding homebound students in both the Bluffview Elementary and Dupo Jr-Sr High Handbooks:

## **2.100 HOME & HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION**

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant or licensed advanced practice registered nurse anticipates his or her absence from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital.

Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a written statement from a physician, physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice registered nurse. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction before (1) the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, and (2) for up to 3 months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

**Failure to attend scheduled homebound instructional sessions without valid excuse shall be considered an unexcused absence.**

**Truancy procedures will be followed for failure to attend instructional sessions without valid excuse. Repeated unexcused absences may result in the student being dropped from homebound, failure to pass classes, and/or an extension of the student completing graduation requirements.**

For information on home or hospital instruction, contact your school principal.

This proposed change is in response to several no-call, no-show appointments.