

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION POLICY

Connellsville Area School District

Purpose:

When a student is unable to attend school because of physical or emotional infirmities, the Connellsville Area School District will provide homebound instruction in accordance with the procedures set forth by the state board of education. Homebound instruction will consist of a maximum of five (5) hours of instructional time per week. This instruction should span the gap left in the student's regular educational program due to the student's infirmity.

It is understood that under certain circumstances, homebound instruction in specific curricular areas cannot be provided. Should this occur, the student will receive an incomplete grade in the subject until the necessary work can be completed. In some instances, the student may have to repeat the course. It is further understood that it is the student's responsibility to complete all assignments, tests, and exercises as directed by the homebound teacher. Failure to do so can result in a failing grade.

Parent's Responsibilities:

It is the parent's responsibility to provide an environment in which the homebound teacher and the student can complete the assignments. The parent or another responsible adult is expected to be at home during the hours of instruction. The weekly time schedule will be arranged according to the student's, the parent's, and the homebound teacher's schedules. It is also the parent's responsibility to secure the necessary documentation from the student's attending physician by having the attached sheet completed.

Student's Responsibilities:

It is the student's responsibility to complete all assignments, tests, and exercises as determined by the classroom teacher and carried out by the homebound teacher. Failure to do so within the time limits prescribed in the Attendance and Discipline Policies of the Connellsville Area School District can result in a failing grade.

Teacher's Responsibilities:

It is the homebound teacher's responsibility to contact the parent and to arrange a weekly time schedule. It is also the responsibility of the homebound teacher to open and maintain a channel of communication with the classroom teacher. This will involve periodic reports of student progress and will ensure that the student stays on task with his or her studies. The classroom teacher will provide the homebound teacher with all assignments, tests, and exercises as needed. The homebound teacher will provide the necessary data to determine the student's grade. The student's grade should be based upon input from both the classroom and the homebound teacher.

Physician's Responsibilities

The physician will provide the necessary documentation to the school district that certifies that the student is unable to attend school and should receive homebound instruction. The physician must state the specific reason why homebound instruction is required and the period of time necessary for this

Exceptions:

It is understood that under certain circumstances, homebound instruction in specific curricular areas cannot be provided. Should this occur, the student will receive an incomplete grade in the subject until the necessary work can be completed. In some instances, the student may have to repeat the course.

Homebound instruction may be withheld for the following reasons:

1. The home presents a hazard to the health or well-being of the teacher. This may necessitate holding the instruction time in a more suitable location.
2. A parent or responsible adult is not at home during the hours of instruction.

Alternative To Homebound Instruction (Extended Day Program):

As an alternative to Homebound Instruction it may be necessary to provide after-school instruction at the Senior High School to some students. This will consist of individual or small group instruction offered two hours per day, three days per week. Students participating in this program will receive individual attention and a more traditional classroom atmosphere, and have more access to resource materials and school district facilities.