

CONNELLSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

ADOPTED: December 20, 2006

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<p>1. Authority SC 1329 Title 22 Sec. 11.25</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">117. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Superintendent may grant recommended requests for homebound instruction and shall report each to the Board at its next regular meeting.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee may request approval from the Department of Education to extend the period of homebound instruction for an individual, which shall be reevaluated every three (3) months.</p> <p><u>Parental Responsibilities</u></p> <p>It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to provide an environment in which the homebound teacher and the student can complete the assignments. The parent/guardian, 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/guardian's, and the homebound teachers' schedules. It is also the parent's/guardian's responsibility to secure the necessary documentation from the student's attending physician by having the district form completed.</p> <p><u>Student Responsibilities</u></p> <p>It is the student's responsibility to complete all assignments, tests, and exercises as determined by the classroom and the homebound teacher and carried out by the homebound teacher. Failure to do so within the time limits prescribed by the district can result in a failing grade.</p>
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3. Guidelines	<p><u>Teacher Responsibilities</u></p> <p>It is the homebound teacher's responsibility to contact the parent/guardian and to arrange a weekly time schedule. It is also the responsibility of the homebound teacher to open and maintain a channel of communications with the classroom teacher. This will involve periodic reports of student progress and will ensure that the student is staying on task with his/her studies.</p> <p><u>Grading</u></p> <p>The classroom teacher will provide the homebound teacher with all assignments, tests, and exercises as needed. The homebound teacher will provide the classroom teacher with the necessary data to determine the student's grades. The student's grade should be based upon input from both the classroom and the homebound teacher. The regular classroom instructor will determine the student's grade for a period of four (4) weeks of homebound instruction. However, grading beyond four (4) weeks will be the responsibility of the homebound instructor.</p> <p><u>Physician Responsibilities</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Whenever a student is under confinement for more than two (2) weeks, ten (10) days, the district will provide homebound instruction. 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.</p> <p>Under certain circumstances, homebound instruction in specific curricular areas may not be provided. Should this occur, the student would 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.</p> <p>Exceptions may be recommended by the Superintendent.</p> <p>The program of homebound instruction provided to each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the state.</p>
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The Board reserves the right to withhold homebound instruction when:

1. The instructor's presence in the place of a student's confinement 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/guardian or other responsible adult in authority is not present with the student during the hours of instruction.
3. The condition of the student precludes any benefit from such instruction.

Alternative To Homebound Instruction (Extended Day Program)

As an alternative to homebound instruction, it may be necessary to provide after-school instruction at a district school building for a student(s). Instruction may be provided individually or for a small group of students offered two (2) hours per day, three (3) days per week. Students participating in this program will receive individual attention and a more traditional classroom atmosphere as well as have greater access to resource materials and facilities provided by the school district.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1329

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