

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction**

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Ill. State Board of Education rules governing (1) the continuum of placement options for students who have been identified for special education services or (2) the home and hospital instruction provisions for students who have not been identified for special education services. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a written statement from: (1) a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, (2) a licensed physician assistant, or (3) a 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 qualifies for home or hospital instruction if it is anticipated that, due to a medical condition, the student will be unable to attend school for a period of time or on an ongoing intermittent basis. An "ongoing intermittent basis" means that the student's medical condition is of such a nature or severity that it is anticipated that the student will be absent from school multiple times during the school year totaling at least 10 days or more of absences.

A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse must provide a written statement to the District stating the existence of a medical condition, the impact on the student's ability to participate in education, and the anticipated duration or nature of the student's absence from school.

Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a physician's written statement. Instructional time shall be scheduled only on days when school is regularly in session, unless agreed to by all parties. A parent or other adult caregiver must be present in the home when services are provided in the home. The services may be provided via telephone or other technological device, or may be provided at a public location if there are safety or other concerns related to providing the services in the student's home. 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 or pregnancy-related conditions, the fulfillment of parenting obligations related to the health of the child, or health and safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A, will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction under the following circumstances:

1. Before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that the student is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction.
2. For up to three months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.
3. When a student must care for the student's ill child if:
  - a. The child's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse informs the District, in writing, that the child has a serious health condition that would require the student to be absent from school for two or more consecutive weeks; and
  - b. The student or the student's parent/guardian informs the District, in writing, that the student needs to care for the child during this period.
4. The student must treat physical or mental health complications or address safety concerns

arising from domestic or sexual violence when a health care provider or an employee of the student's domestic or sexual violence organization, as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A, informs the District, in writing, that the care is needed by the student and will cause the student's absence from school for two or more consecutive weeks.

The District may reassess home instruction provided to a student under No. 3 or No. 4 every two months to determine the student's continuing need for home instruction.

Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate coursework and facilitate a student's return to school.

**LEGAL REF.:**

105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(e), 5/10-22.6a, 5/14-13.01, and 5/18-4.5.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.520, 1.610, and 226.300.

**CROSS REF.:** 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

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