

Home/Hospital Instruction

1.0 Purpose:

- 1.1 Barbour County Schools will provide homebound educational services to students who have not been able to attend school for 10 or more consecutive instructional days due to a medical reason.
- 1.2 Homebound instruction makes it possible for students to complete academic work as the result of absences due to injury or illness and make a successful transition back to school.
- 1.3 As per WVDE policy 2510, core subject instruction in the content standards will be provided. Barbour County Schools typically provides three hours per week of instruction unless otherwise determined by School Principal and Director of Student Support Services.

2.0 Definition:

- 2.1 Homebound educational services will cover the core academic subjects of reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- 2.2 The Director of Student Support Services and the student's Principal will determine if elective classes may or may not be delivered to the student if extensive in-school labs or school equipment is required for delivery of the West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives.
- 2.3 All school policies are in effect for completion of school assignments, homework, and tests unless specifically addressed by the licensed physician, psychiatrist, or neurologist. Students are responsible to complete all assignments beyond homebound instructional time.
- 2.4 The purpose of the homebound instructor is to provide instruction and act as liaison between the student and the school.

3.0 Guidelines to Obtain Homebound Services:

- 3.1 Medical statements or prescriptions for homebound educational services shall be signed by a licensed physician (MD, DO). Prescriptions signed by a physician's assistant will not be accepted. Prescriptions must state the following: diagnosis, prognosis, and estimated duration of homebound instruction.
- 3.2 In order to continue eligibility for homebound educational services, a licensed physician (MD, DO) shall re-evaluate the student's need as the medical condition warrants or at least every six weeks. The Barbour County Board of Education may request a second

medical verification of the need for homebound educational services at Board of Education expense.

- 3.3 If psychological or neurological conditions exist that prevent a child from attending school, a psychiatrist or neurologist (MD, DO) shall diagnose the condition and evaluate the need for homebound educational services for approval from Barbour County Schools. Ongoing evidence of psychological counseling and/or treatment shall be presented by the parent/guardian to the Director of Student Support Services to renew homebound educational services beyond a semester. In addition a medical statement of need from a psychiatrist or neurologist is required every six weeks. Students being treated for psychiatric issues shall have a treatment plan.
- 3.4 Attendance per scheduled visit will be maintained and entered into WVEIS. Barbour County Schools attendance policy will be followed (8210).
- 3.5 Homebound educational services shall be provided in the home setting or other setting as deemed educationally sound by Barbour County Schools in consultation with the parent/guardian.
- 3.6 An adult family member or designated adult, who is mutually agreed upon by the Barbour County Schools, shall be present in the home when the homebound teacher is providing services to the student.

4.0 Denial of Homebound Educational Services:

- 4.1 Barbour County Schools reserves the right to deny homebound educational services to students who are employed during the instructional day, have insufficient medical reasons to warrant homebound educational services, are seeking to use homebound to enable a student to care for a family member, or other such issues that are in conflict with the intent of the program.
- 4.2 Students of majority age or his/her parent/guardian may appeal denial of homebound educational services in writing to the Superintendent of Schools. A Homebound Review Committee of no less than three central office administrators chaired by the Superintendent of Schools will review the medical request for homebound, reasons for denial, and other pertinent student information. The Homebound Review Committee will render a decision on the request for appeal within five instructional days. The Homebound Review Committee may request a second medical condition of a student's condition or other information as needed to render a decision. If the parent disagrees with the finding of the committee, a Citizen's Appeal may be filed with the Superintendent.

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