

# Homebound/Hospital Services

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who is eligible for this service?

Any student of the Katy Independent School District who is expected to be confined at home or in a Katy area hospital for a minimum of four weeks (not consecutive) is eligible for this service. The student's **medical** condition must be documented by a licensed physician.

### 2. Who provides homebound instruction?

A teacher holding a valid Texas teaching certificate provides the instruction.

### 3. When should homebound instruction begin?

Instruction should begin as soon as possible after (1) the parents have notified the public school district of the student's medical condition, (2) physician's forms have been returned, and (3) a campus committee has recommended this service.

### 4. Where should homebound instruction take place?

The site for instruction depends on the physical condition and location of the student. Every effort should be made to provide a quiet, smoke free environment which is conducive to learning and ensures the health and safety of the student and teacher.

### 5. If a student attends school part-time, is the student entitled to homebound services?

No. The student must be confined to home or hospital for a minimum of four weeks in order to be eligible for this service.






For further information contact your child's campus or the

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## Special Education Homebound/Hospital



### Homebound/Hospital Instruction



Katy Independent School District

## PURPOSE

Homebound/Hospital Instruction is designed to provide continuity of educational services between the classroom and the home/hospital setting for students whose medical needs prevent school attendance on a campus.

## EXPLANATION OF SERVICES

- ◆ A special education certified teacher will provide instruction for students who qualify for Homebound/Hospital Instruction. Determination of services is based on individual student needs.
- ◆ Students must be served a minimum of four hours each week in order to meet Compulsory Attendance requirements. Instructional accommodations will be made in accordance with the severity of the accident or the illness.

## ELIGIBILITY

Students who are served through the Special Education Homebound/Hospital Program must meet all of the following four criteria:

1. The student's eligibility for special education and related services as determined by the ARD Committee.
2. The student's condition must be medical only.
3. The student's medical condition must be documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States.
4. The student must be confined either at home or in a Katy area hospital for a minimum of four weeks. The weeks need not be consecutive.

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## RESPONSIBILITIES

Since medical homebound instruction is an extension of regular school instruction, all campus rules, regulations and Katy ISD policies and procedures apply and must be followed.

### PARENT

In addition, each homebound student's parent will:

- ◆ understand that before instruction may begin, all necessary paperwork must be completed and received at the campus/district level.
- ◆ provide adult supervision in the home at all times during each instructional session.
- ◆ ensure a healthy, safe, smoke free environment for both teacher and student.
- ◆ make certain the student is available for scheduled sessions.
- ◆ notify the homebound teacher by 8:00am on the day of scheduled instruction if the student will not be able to attend the session.
- ◆ notify the teacher when any family member of the student's household has an infectious disease: ie. fever above 100.4°, vomiting, diarrhea, staphylococcus, streptococcus.
- ◆ understand that if the student is absent from scheduled instruction, he/she is considered absent from school; all State Compulsory Attendance Laws apply to homebound students.
- ◆ obtain a release from the attending physician when the student has recovered and is ready to return to campus.

### STUDENT

In addition, each student should:

- ◆ be available for all scheduled instruction.
- ◆ understand homebound instruction may consist primarily of independent study.
- ◆ be dressed appropriately for instruction.
- ◆ have all books and materials needed for instruction readily accessible.
- ◆ complete all homework assignments according to teacher directions and in a timely manner.
- ◆ remain courteous, comply with teacher requests, and use appropriate language.
- ◆ dedicate academic time to instruction only: no phone calls, television, radio, etc.

*In accordance with Local Policy EEH ,  
Katy Independent School District  
will provide teachers for those  
students who cannot physically  
attend public school classes at their  
assigned campuses.*