

TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY
Hospital Homebound Instruction

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(1) DEFINITIONS.

Instruction – the teaching of standards as defined by Georgia Performance Standards (GPS), the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum (QCC), Section 504 plan, IEP, and any local curriculum for the classes in which the HHB student is enrolled and under the direction of the classroom teacher(s).

(2) REQUIREMENTS

The Terrell County School System shall provide hospital/homebound services to students who meet the following eligibility requirements.

1. Receipt of a medical referral form stating that the student will be absent a minimum of 10 consecutive school days and expected date of return to school, or that the student has a chronic health condition causing him or her to be absent for intermittent periods of time, i.e., of greater than, equal to, or less than 10 days on each occasion during the school year.
2. A statement that the student is physically able to participate in instruction: and
3. A signature of a physician licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners.
4. The Terrell County School System shall provide instruction by a certified teacher according to the hospital/homebound (H/H) instructional model. Students eligible for services under IDEA shall be served by appropriately certified personnel. The IEP committee shall convene to review the IEP for any necessary changes and to recommend hospital/homebound instruction.
5. In addition to the hospital/homebound teacher, an adult shall be present during each entire home instructional period except where instruction is provided through telecommunication devices. Instruction may be offered in home or hospital settings or through telecommunication devices, individually or in small groups.
6. Each school shall count present the student receiving hospital/homebound educational services if such services are provided a minimum of three hours per week, excluding travel time.
7. The responsibility for academic instruction for students hospitalized under the appropriate eligibility criteria in facilities outside the local system lies with the local school system where the student is a resident.

8. The Terrell County School System shall be authorized to make arrangements or contract for hospital-based instruction with the hospital directly, school system in which the hospital is located or with appropriately certificated teachers in that geographic area. Upon discharge, hospital/homebound instruction may continue according to need.
9. The Terrell County School System shall consider a student ineligible for hospital/homebound instructional services if absence is due to communicable disease, except as specified in Rule 160-1-3-.03 (Communicable Diseases); pregnancy not requiring abnormal restriction of activities as prescribed by a licensed physician.
10. Student with absences due to psychiatric/emotional disorders, as defined in latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM), may be eligible for hospital-homebound instruction. In addition, such students shall be referred to the student support team for assistance.
11. Re-documentation of chronic or recurring conditions shall not be required after each period of absence. However, at a minimum, an annual medical referral on the chronic or recurring condition shall be obtained and updated as needed and submitted to local school system.