



**What is Hospital Homebound Instruction (HHB)?**

Hospital Homebound instruction is an alternative method of instruction for students who are expected to be out of school for 10 consecutive school days or longer due to a physical or mental condition. The intent of homebound instruction is to keep students connected to the school based curriculum until they return to the classroom setting.

**Who is eligible for HHB instruction?**

- Students enrolled in Fulton County Schools
- Illness is not contagious
- Post-pregnancy: normal and c-sections
- High risk pregnancy that involves abnormal restrictions
- Chronically ill students

**Who is not eligible for HHB instruction?**

- Attending school for half-day or more
- Communicable diseases
- Instruction provided by other sources (i.e. mental facility)

**Who initiates homebound and what is the referral process?**

- Homebound can be initiated by the parent, medical facility, school administrator, teacher, guidance counselor, instructional/curriculum support teacher, or cluster/special education nurse.
- A licensed treating physician/psychiatrist must certify that the student cannot attend school as a result of the medical condition and that the student will benefit from instruction given at a mutually agreed upon location. The treating physician/psychiatrist must complete the HHB form. *(The form is located on the website/Instruction/SEC).*
- If services are approved, a GA certified teacher (s) will be assigned to the student. Students eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) shall be served by appropriately certified personnel.
- The assigned teacher will make arrangements with the family to begin instruction at a mutually agreed upon date, time and location *(i.e. home, hospital or online learning courses via the Internet)*
- A responsible adult must be in the home during the entire time of instruction.
- If a student does not return to school as originally projected, a medical extension is required to continue services.

**What is Intermittent Homebound?**

Intermittent homebound allows a student who has a medically diagnosed chronic health condition homebound instruction for the entire year. Providing the illness causes the student to be absent for intermittent periods of time at a minimum of 10 school days per year or three consecutive days per week. *(Ex: sickle cell anemia, crohns, colitis, cystic fibrosis)*

**Other facts about homebound instruction:**

- The student is counted present each day if served a minimum of three hours per week.
- For students with disabilities, an IEP will be developed/amended.
- Amount of instruction is based on several factors, such as severity of illness and endurance levels.
- There should be no delay in assignments being given to potential HHB students. Parents should request assignments upon delivery of HHB form.

**For more information, contact Missouri Simmons at 470.254.0406**