

## HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

### *Definition*

Homebound instruction refers to instruction provided a child confined to home or hospital for an extended period because of illness or injury.

### *Policy*

It is the intent of the Board of Education that the education of a child absent from school because of illness or injury be as continuous and free from interruption as is reasonably possible.

Homebound instruction for ill or injured students will be provided by the Niskayuna School District in accordance with the following policy guidelines:

1. A student must be expected to be absent from school for a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive school days because of illness or injury, as determined and certified by a physician.
2. On receiving the statement from the physician, appropriate homebound instruction will commence as quickly as the home teacher(s) is available and necessary instructional arrangements are completed.
3. Homebound instruction will be limited to seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours weekly for elementary school students, twelve (12) hours weekly for students in grades 6-8 and fifteen (15) hours weekly for high school students.
4. No child may be taught on Saturday or Sunday or on a day when school is not in session.

Until homebound instruction can be arranged, class assignments and materials should be obtained from the classroom teachers.

The Superintendent of Schools has the authority to consider and make exceptions to this policy because of extenuating circumstances.

Ref: Education Law §§1709(24); 4401 et seq.  
8 NYCRR §200.4(e)

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