

Policies

Newport Public Schools Instructional Mandates - Instruction For Homebound Students

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The Newport School Department shall provide homebound instruction for students who are unable to attend school due to illness or injury when a student is to be absent from school for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days.

The instruction shall only be given on the recommendation of Director of Student Services based upon a licensed health care provider's written statement that the child shall be absent from school for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. Students who suffer from contagious diseases, exposure to which would cause a significant risk of infection to visiting school personnel, shall not be entitled instruction under this policy.

The Director of Student Services shall make a request for homebound instruction to the Superintendent on a form that shall be developed and used to foster consistency in making homebound-instruction decisions. The request shall include a written statement from the student's licensed health care provider which shall include a diagnosis, a recommendation for home instruction, the proposed or estimated starting and stopping date and a statement as to whether a teacher visiting the student's home would face any significant health risk associated with the student's medical condition.

The minimum number of hours of instruction shall be five per school week at the elementary level and six at the secondary level.

Home teacher assignments shall be first offered to the student's classroom teacher(s). Should the classroom teacher(s) not accept the assignment, the position shall then be offered to other teachers in the student's school.

Should no teacher in the student's school accept the assignment, the position shall be offered to other members of the bargaining unit from a pre-designated system-wide volunteer list arranged by seniority. If no member of the bargaining unit accepts the assignment, the position shall then be offered to other certified teachers.

The cost of this program shall be separately accounted for and shall be included in the annual budget.