

**HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED INSTRUCTION**Policy

It is the policy of the Litchfield Board of Education to provide homebound instruction as a teaching service available to students when a child's medical/physical condition requires a continuous absence from school as documented and submitted by the treating physician (Form available from School Nurse or Central Office). A continuous absence shall be defined as a period of not less than two (2) weeks. The teaching service shall begin upon five (5) days of receipt of documentation by the treating physician. The purpose of home instruction shall be provided for at least one hour per day or five hours per week for students in grade kindergarten through six and at least two hours per day or ten hours per week for students in grades seven through twelve.

Home instruction shall also be provided for those students who have been excluded from regular school attendance for disciplinary reasons.

There must be an adult present during all homebound instruction sessions. If the homebound instructor arrives at the student's home or other approved location, and no other adult is present, the session shall be cancelled. The instructor shall immediately report this to the Administration. Homebound instruction, when appropriate, may occur outside of the home environment.

The Board of Education shall provide homebound and hospitalized instruction when recommended by the Planning and Placement Team or a 504 Accommodation Plan meeting. Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be as specified in the child's individualized education program, subject to the following:

1. In the case of a child not otherwise in need of special education and related services or 504 services, homebound or hospitalized instruction shall maintain the continuity of the child's regular program. The requirements of evaluation and an individualized education program shall apply and a Planning and Placement Team meeting/504 Accommodation Plan meeting need not be convened.
2. In the case of a child not previously receiving special education and related services or 504 services, the requirements of evaluation and an individualized education program shall apply if there is a reason for the Planning and Placement/504 Teams to believe that the child will continue to require special education and related services or 504 services.
3. In the case of a child receiving special education and related services or 504 services, the Planning and Placement/504 Team shall, where necessary, modify short-term instructional objectives in the child's individualized education program.

## **INSTRUCTION**

**# 6173(b)**

The Planning and Placement/504 Team shall be guided by the following conditions when making its recommendation for homebound and hospitalized instruction:

1. A physician has certified in writing that the child is unable to attend school for medical reasons and has stated the expected date the child will be able to return to the school program.
2. The child has a handicap so severe that it prevents the child from learning in a school setting, or the child's presence in school endangers the health, safety or welfare of the child and others.
3. A special education program/504 Accommodation Plan recommendation is pending and the child was at home at the time of referral.
4. The child is pregnant or has given birth and a physician has certified that homebound or hospitalized instruction is in the child's best interest and should continue for a specified period of time.

Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-76d-15 Homebound and hospitalized instruction.