

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Administrative Regulation

Instruction

AR 6183

HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

A student with a temporary disability which makes school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall receive individual instruction in the student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals. This instruction applies to students incurring a physical, mental or emotional disability after which they can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or an alternative education program without special intervention. (Education Code 48206.3)

It does not apply to students identified as individuals with exceptional needs pursuant to Education Code 56026. If a student has a disability under the IDEA—a physical, mental or emotional condition that falls under an IDEA eligibility (like orthopedic impairment or OHI) the IEP team may determine that the student requires home/hospital instruction as the student's educational placement in the least restrictive environment. This determination is made based on ongoing medical care or medical concerns in the school environment. (Education Code 56026).

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment. (Education Code 44865)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

The district shall offer at least one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the district in the regular education program. No student shall be credited with more than five days of attendance per calendar week or credited with more than the total number of calendar days that regular classes are offered by the district in any fiscal year. (Education Code 48200, 48206.3)

A general education student in grades 9-12 who experiences a temporary disability within a school semester or term, will remain enrolled in his/her high school for the duration of that semester/term. When the temporary disability extends beyond the semester/term, the student will be offered enrollment in the district's independent study high school where college preparatory courses are available. Students choosing to remain enrolled at their high school, receiving instruction through the home and hospital program will not be able to receive course credit that is approved through the University of California a-g eligibility process.

The goal of home or hospital instruction is the maintenance of the pupil's former level of performance while recovering. Therefore, while a student is on home/hospital instruction, s/he will remain enrolled in their school and their class(es). The academic counselor (secondary) or principal (elementary) shall facilitate the communication of course work and submission of assignments between the home/hospital instructor and the student's teacher(s) of record. The teacher(s) of record will continue to be responsible for assigning course work that is equivalent to the work that is assigned to other students in the same course. The teacher(s) of record will continue to be responsible for the grading of coursework. Whenever

possible the teacher(s) of record, the home/hospital instructor, and the student should utilize computer technology to communicate lessons and to submit work. When hard copies or other tangible work must be exchanged, the onus of the pickup and delivery of materials will be the responsibility of the home/hospital instructor. If the student remains in home/hospital instruction for longer than a semester/term, the teacher, working with site administration, will give the student “credit or no credit” in lieu of an academic grade. At the high school level, earning “credit or no credit” in a UC a-g course will make the course not valid for UC a-g eligibility.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification through any reasonable means that the student requires home instruction. In addition, this verification shall also state that the disabling condition will not expose the teacher to a contagious disease that can be transmitted through casual contact. Home or hospital instruction shall not be denied to students with Hepatitis B, herpes or HIV/AIDS, as long as the home or hospital practices current preventive protocol as determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Nondistrict Students

A student of another district who is temporarily disabled and confined to a hospital or health facility within this district shall be eligible to receive individual instruction in this district. (Education Code 48207)

In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the district of the student's presence in a qualifying hospital. (Education Code 48208)

Upon receiving such notification, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 48208)

1. Within five working days of the notification, determine whether the student is able to receive individualized instruction and, if so, when it shall begin. Instruction shall begin no later than five working days after the Superintendent or designee has determined that the student is able to receive individualized instruction.
2. Within five working days of the beginning of the individualized instruction, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to the district in which the student was previously enrolled stating that the student shall not be counted by that district for purposes of computing average daily attendance, effective the date on which individualized instruction began.

Alternatively, the Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement with the district in which the student was previously enrolled to have that district provide the individualized instruction. (Education Code 48208)

Parental Notifications

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that: (Education Code 48208, 48980)

1. Individual instruction is available for temporarily disabled students as prescribed by Education Code 48206.3.
2. If a student becomes temporarily disabled, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the receiving district of the student's presence in a qualifying hospital.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 44865 *Qualifications for home teachers*
45031 *Home teachers*
48200 *Minimum school day*
48206.3 *Pupils with temporary disabilities; individual instruction; definitions; computing average daily attendance*
48206.5 *Continuation of individual instruction programs for students with temp. disabilities*
48207 *Pupils with temporary disabilities in hospitals out- side of school district; compliance with residency requirements*
48208 *Presence of pupils with temporary disabilities in qualifying hospitals; notice by parents or guardians; commencement of individualized instruction*
48980 *Required notification of rights and availability of nutrition and individualized instruction programs*
51800-51802 *Employment of home teachers*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 421 *Method of verification*
423 *Prolonged illness*

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