



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 or the student can have instruction delivered through our online programs (Fulton County Virtual and/or GA Virtual). 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 21 years of age or older, 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 or prior.