

HOME INSTRUCTION

General

Each instance of home instruction must be approved by Board action, and all requirements for receipt of state aid must be fulfilled.

The Superintendent shall select the instructors and oversee coordination between the home instructor and the regular classroom teacher in determining the student's instructional program.

A parent/guardian or appropriate adult authority must be within call during the period of home instruction.

A student receiving home instruction is not considered absent.

Home Instruction for Sick or Disabled Students

To provide uninterrupted education for students unable to attend their regular classes because of illness, or disability, the Board of Education shall provide away-from-school instruction when proper application has been made and subject to the following restrictions:

- A. The period of absence must be expected to be longer than 10 consecutive school days except in special circumstances.
- B. In cases of illness or disability, medical certification is required both of the necessity for the student's absence and his/her fitness to benefit from the instruction.
- C. The home instruction shall begin within five days after the physician's certification is received.

For students who are receiving home instruction due to a temporary or chronic health condition, the home or out-of-school instructional services shall meet the minimum standards that are specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1 (c) including but not limited to:

- A. The School District shall develop an Individualized Program Plan (IPP) for delivery of instruction and maintain a record of delivery of instructional services and student progress.
- B. The teacher providing instruction shall be appropriately certified.
- C. The teacher shall provide one-on-one instruction with no fewer than five hours each week on three separate days and, if the student is physically able, no fewer than five additional hours per week of guided learning experience. This may include the use of technology to provide audio and visual connections to the student's classroom.
- D. The instruction shall meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards for students without disabilities.

For special education students, the home instruction shall be consistent with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) to the extent appropriate. The home instruction shall meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards. When the provision of home instruction for students with disabilities will exceed 30 consecutive school days in a school year, the IEP team shall convene a meeting to review and, if appropriate, revise the student's IEP.

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- E. When the provision of home instruction will exceed 60 calendar days, the school physician shall refer the student to the child study team for evaluation.
- F. The District shall be responsible for the costs of providing instruction in the home or out-of-school setting either directly, through online services, including any needed equipment, or through contract with another District Board of Education, educational services commission, jointure commission, or approved clinic or agency. Students who are eligible to receive home instruction as needed at the District's expense are as follows:
1. A student who resides within the area served by the Board and is enrolled in a public school program; or
 2. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school that is located within the area served by the Board.
- G. Home instruction shall meet the requirements of the Board for promotion at the grade level.

Home Instruction for Students Absent Due To Administrative Action

The District shall provide home or out-of-school instruction for a general education student for reasons other than a temporary or chronic health condition when:

- A. The student is mandated by state law and rule for placement in an alternative education program for firearms offenses and/or assault with weapons offenses but placement is not immediately available;
- B. The student is placed on short-term or long-term suspension;
- C. A court order requires that the student receive instructional services in the home or other out-of-school setting.

For students who are receiving home instruction because of administrative action, the Board shall provide home or out-of-school instructional services no later than five days after the student has left the general education program. These services shall meet the minimum standards that are specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.2 (d) including but not limited to:

- A. The School District shall develop an Individualized Program Plan (IPP) for delivery of instruction and maintain a record of delivery of instructional services and student progress for students expected to be on home instruction for 30 days or more.
- B. The teacher providing instruction shall be appropriately certified for subject, grade level and special needs of the student;
- C. The teacher shall provide one-on-one instruction with no fewer than 10 hours each week on three separate days and no fewer than 10 additional hours per week of guided learning experience.
- D. The instruction shall meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards and Board requirements for promotion.

Legal References: N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq. Special education

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.8, 4.9

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3

Reporting, notification and examination procedures for pupils suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs

HOME INSTRUCTION (continued)**Legal References: (continued)**

- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.5 Removal of pupils from general education for firearms offenses
- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.6 Removal of pupils from general education for assaults with weapons offenses
- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1et seq. Home or Out-of-School Instruction for General Education Pupils
- N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1 Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- N.J.A.C. 8:61-2.1 Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- H.A. v. Board of Education Warren Hills Regional, 1976 S.L.D. 336
- Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)
- Somerset County Educational Services Commission v. North Plainfield Board of Education 1999 S.L.D. September 7 State in re G.S. 330 N.J. Super. 338 (Ch. Div. 2000)
- Jacobson v. Jackson School District, 2013, Feb. 27; OAL Dkt. No. CRT4100-08; Agency No. P211WE-02944; EDS15092-12;

- Cross References:**
- *4112.2 Certification
 - *5113 Absences and excuses
 - *5114 Suspension and expulsion
 - *5131 Conduct/discipline
 - *5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
 - *5131.7 Weapons and dangerous instruments
 - *5134 Married/pregnant students
 - *5141.2 Illness
 - *6146 Graduation requirements
 - *6164.2 Guidance services
 - *6164.4 Child study team
 - *6171.4 Special education
 - *6172 Alternative educational programs

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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