
Homebound Instruction, Rule 0520-01-02-.10

The Background:

Public Chapter 625 of 2018 amended T.C.A. § 49-10-1101 to require local education agencies (LEAs) to establish a homebound instruction program of at least three (3) hours per week for all students who qualify, not just pregnant students.

State Board Rule 0520-01-02-.10, which has not been amended since 1992, governs Homebound Instruction for Pregnant Students. This item presents revisions to the rule made by State Board staff, in conjunction with the Office of Coordinated School Health at the Department of Education and the Metro Nashville Area Homebound Consortium, in order to align the rule with the recently enacted legislation.

Under these revisions, a student will qualify for the LEA's homebound instruction program if the student's physician certifies in writing that the student has a medical condition that prevents the student from attending regular classes. The LEA will determine how long the student may receive homebound instruction on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration the recommendations of the student's physician. If, at the conclusion of the determined time period, the student's physician certifies in writing that the student's medical condition continues to prevent the student from returning to regular classes, then the student will be eligible to continue to receive at least three (3) hours of homebound instruction per week.

The Board last approved this rule on final reading in July 2018; however, after consultation with the Attorney General's office, additional changes were made to better align with T.C.A. § 49-10-1101.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.