Hospital/Homebound Services

Hospital/Homebound (HHB) services are designed to provide continuity of educational services between the classroom and home or hospital for students whose medical needs, either physical or psychiatric, do not allow them to attend school for a limited period of time.

Mission:
To ensure student success, leading to higher education, work, and life-long learning

Vision:
To inspire our community of learners to achieve educational excellence

Hospital/Homebound Dismissal Guidelines

HHB ENDS....
1. As of the projected return date on the Application for Hospital/Homebound Services Medical Referral or if the licensed physician or licensed psychiatrist indicates that the medical condition has changed.
2. When the student is employed in any capacity, goes on vacation, regularly participates in extracurricular activities, or is no longer confined to home.
3. On the last day of school of the regular school year.
4. When the student returns to school or is able to return to school for any portion of the school day other than to participate in state-mandated standardized testing.
5. When the parent/guardian cancels three HHB instructional sessions without providing 24-hour notice.

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HBB Application Process
1. Parent requests HHB services from the local school.
2. Parent receives HHB application forms to be completed by physician/psychiatrist.
3. Parent returns completed HHB forms to the local school.
4. The local school HHB Coordinator/LTSE reviews and submits all paperwork to the District HHB Office.
5. HHB Office verifies all information and makes a decision.
6. Once a decision is made, the HHB Office will contact local school and communicate next steps.
7. The school will communicate next steps to the parent/guardian of HHB candidate.

QUESTIONS?
Contact your school counselor.
HHB Overview

Georgia State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.31 Hospital/Homebound (HHB) services are designed to provide continuity of educational services for General and Special Education students between the classroom and home or hospital. Students who qualify for this service have a medically diagnosed condition that confines them to their home or hospital for a period of time. HHB instruction may be used to supplement the classroom program for students with health impairments whose conditions may interfere with regular school attendance.

HHB services are not intended to supplant regular school services and are by design temporary. The student’s inability to attend school for medical or psychiatric reasons must be certified by the licensed physician or licensed psychiatrist who is currently treating the student for the diagnosis presented.

FULL TIME VS. INTERMITTENT

The Hospital/Homebound program is provided through the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in coordination with the Exceptional Education Department. Students, regular and special education, qualify for this service by having a medically diagnosed condition that confines them to their home or hospital for a period of time which will significantly interfere with their education. In order to qualify for full-time services, the student must have a form completed by a licensed medical physician or psychiatrist, stating that the student will be absent a minimum of 10 consecutive school days and is physically able to profit from instruction.

In certain cases, a physician may document that a student may attend school on an intermittent basis due to a chronic medical or mental health condition. In such cases, the physician will indicate the attendance parameters based on the illness or injury of the student. Intermittent simply means that the student is anticipated to miss 10 or more days, however, the days do not have to be consecutive.

Eligibility for HHB services

1. The student must be enrolled in the DeKalb County School District.
2. The student must have a medical and/or psychiatric condition that is documented by a licensed physician/pyschiatrist.
3. The student anticipate being absent from school for a minimum of ten consecutive school days or for intermittent periods of time anticipated to exceed ten school days.
4. Students who have any form of influenza or other contagious diseases will not be provided services until the licensed physician certifies that the student is no longer infectious.