

HOSPITAL HOMEBOUND PROGRAM



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.**



Contact Information

Section 504/HHB/ADA Compliance
Office
1040 King Way Drive
Lithonia, GA 30058
(678) 676-2063
Dekalbhhb@DeKalbschoolsga.org

Contact Person:

Mrs. Kiandra Tyus, HHB Coordinator

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Parent/guardian requests HHB application from the local school.
2. Parent/guardian completes the first four pages of the HHB application.
3. The last two pages must be completed by the licensed physician or psychiatrist treating the student. No exceptions!
4. Parent/guardian returns completed application to the school's HHB Designee (504 Chairperson or Lead Teacher for Special Education).
5. The school's HHB Designee reviews and submits the HHB application to the District's HHB Office.
6. A 504/IEP meeting is scheduled to discuss the HHB application and create the educational service plan, if eligible. A district representative should participate in the meeting.
7. The HHB teacher will reach out to the parent/guardian to schedule HHB sessions, upon approval and processing.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Georgia State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.31

HHB instruction may be used to supplement the classroom program for students with health impairments that may interfere with regular school attendance. Instructional services are provided by certified educators.

Sessions are conducted in the home, hospital, or other designated location. HHB services are not intended to replace 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.

Hospital/Homebound (HHB) services are designed to sustain continuity of instruction for students who will be absent from school for medical or psychiatric reasons for a minimum of ten consecutive or intermittent school days per year, and to facilitate the student's return to school. Our goal is to provide a continuous educational program for eligible students through the combined efforts of the parent/guardian, a hospital/homebound teacher, the school administration, and the DCSD Hospital/Homebound Office.

TERMINATION of SERVICES

The duration of homebound services depends on the nature and severity of the student's condition. Students should return to school when HHB services are no longer medically necessary.

Hospital Homebound services will terminate for the following reasons:

- As of the projected end date of the HHB Application.
- If the student is no longer confined to the hospital or home, employed, goes on vacation, or regularly participates in extracurricular activities (fulltime).
- Student graduates or the school year ends.
- When parent/ guardian cancels three HHB sessions without providing 24-hour notice.
- When conditions in the home threaten the health and welfare of the HHB teacher.
- The medical condition has changed from what was defined in the ESP.
- Students' absences extend beyond approved length of service.
- Student withdraws from the district
- Student does not assume responsibility for completion of assignments
- When student can return to school for any portion of the school day.

TYPES OF HHB

FULL-TIME SERVICES: Requires a medical 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.

INTERMITTENT SERVICES: Physician will indicate the attendance parameters based on the nature of the chronic illness or injury of the student. Intermittent simply means that the student is anticipated to miss 10 or more nonconsecutive days of school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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