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### **HOMEBOUND SERVICES / WJCC PUBLIC SCHOOLS** Parent Information

- Homebound instruction is available to enrolled WJCC students who are confined at home or in a health care facility for periods that prevent normal school attendance (longer than 2 weeks) based upon a medical certification of need by a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist (WJCC Public Schools-HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION Medical Certification of NEED form). Accommodations for absences of less than 2 weeks are developed on an individual basis by the student's home school staff.
- The school division reviews all requests for completeness of information and appropriateness of the request. Eligibility approval is determined by personnel of the school division on the basis of the student's documented temporary need for service.
- Students in need of a modified day/schedule based on a medical need should work with their home school for any schedule modifications; homebound instruction does not apply in these cases.
- Students receiving homebound instruction should return to the school setting as soon as medically possible. Homebound services are always considered temporary.
- Requested homebound instruction for students receiving special education services shall be subject to review by the student's IEP team.
- Homebound services are available to pregnant students based on documented medical need at the time of delivery for a period of 2 to 4 weeks or up to 6 weeks if medically necessary. Students are expected to return to school as soon as possible after delivery.
- If it is necessary for homebound instruction to continue beyond nine weeks, an extension or re-authorization of medical need, including treatment plan, progress towards treatment goals, and specific plans to transition the student back to the school setting, may be required. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide this information to the school division.
- Homebound is designed so that the student does not fall significantly behind during the period of confinement and is not intended to supplant school services.
- Homebound is intended to provide priority to core academic subjects and is not automatically inclusive of elective courses or specialty courses (i.e. requiring labs, special facilities or equipment, etc.). If the student is failing a course at the time of medical certification of need for homebound, that course may not be continued in the homebound placement.
- Homebound instruction follows the regular academic calendar (it is not provided in the summer). Elementary school students may receive 5 hours of instruction per week, middle school students receive 8 hours per week, and high school students receive two hours per core academic subject per week. These hours may not be applicable in all cases. While every effort is made to ensure academic progress, course credit must still be earned according to class requirements. Homebound does not guarantee on-time graduation.