



August 5, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Approval of Revisions to Homebound Instruction Policy

Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the revisions to the Homebound Instruction Policy as detailed in the attached document.

The revisions to the Homebound Instruction Policy are being presented for its first reading.

Description: This document contains revisions to the Homebound Instruction Policy in order to bring the policy into alignment with the current provisions of 603 C.M.R. 28.03(3)(c) regarding the provision of educational services to students who are at home or in the hospital.

Supporting Data: Physical Restraint Policy

Respectfully submitted,

David Murphy
Interim Superintendent of Schools

File: IHBF – HOME OR HOSPITAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BOUND INSTRUCTION

The Cambridge Public Schools offers home ~~or hospital~~bound instruction educational services to students who are unable to attend classes because of ~~medical reasons~~prolonged illness. ~~Homebound instruction is furnished to those students who are unable to attend classes for at least four consecutive weeks due to a physical injury, medical situation, or a severe emotional problem.~~ These educational services instruction is ~~are~~ designed to provide maintenance in the basic academic courses so that when a student returns to school they will not be at a disadvantage and will be provided. Upon receipt of a physician's written order verifying the student enrolled in a public school or placed by a public school in a private setting must remain at home or in a hospital on a day or overnight basis, or any combination of both, for medical reasons and for a period of not less than fourteen school days in any school year, the school shall arrange for the provision of homebound educational services in the home or hospital instruction.

Such services shall be provided with sufficient frequency to allow the student to continue their educational program, as long as such services do not interfere with the medical needs of the student. The principal shall coordinate such services with the Administrator of Special Education for eligible students. Such educational services shall not be considered special education unless the student has been determined eligible for such services, and the services include services on the student's IEP.

LEGAL REF. 603 C.M.R. [28.03\(3\)\(c\)](#)

Adopted: May 15, 2018