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Springs Charter Schools Home and Hospital Instruction

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation/Education Code References AR 6183 reference: Home and Hospital Instruction

A student with a temporary disability that makes school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall receive individual instruction in the student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospital within the District. This instruction applies to students incurring a physical, mental or emotional disability after which they can reasonably be expected to return to a regular day class or an alternative education program without special intervention, It does not apply to students identified as individuals with exceptional needs pursuant to Education Code 56026 (Education Code 48206.3)

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment. (Education Code 44865).

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only when a student is expected to be out of school for two weeks or longer.

The charter school shall offer at least one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the district in the regular education program. No student shall be credited with more than five days of attendance per calendar week or credited with more than the total number of calendar days that regular classes are offered by the district in any fiscal year (Education code 48200, 48206.3)

Insofar as possible, the home teacher shall consult with the student's current classroom teacher or teachers so as to provide a continuity of instruction that enables the student to keep abreast with the regular school program.

A student receiving Home and Hospital Instruction must have been certified by a medical doctor to have a disability preventing the student from leaving the home for even one (1) hour per week to receive instruction. If the student is able to attend after school activities, or attend school for one-hour per week, or participate in any classroom or school related activities, he or she will continue with Independent/Home Study Instruction through their current program.

When seeking instruction for a student at home or in a hospital located within the district, the parent or guardian shall present their request to school staff together with a licensed medical physician's written description of the disabling condition. The licensed medical physician shall have determined that the student is unable to attend school.

The superintendent or designee may require verification through any reasonable means that the student requires home hospital instruction. In addition, this verification shall also state that the disabling condition will not expose the teacher to a contagious disease that can be transmitted through casual contact. Home or hospital instruction shall not be denied to students with hepatitis B, herpes or HIV/AIDS, as long as the home or hospital practices current preventative protocol as determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

If it is determined by the Pupil Services Department that the student may be in need of home/hospital instruction, a written order will be required from the student's physician. This order must include a description of the disabling condition; the length of time the student will be unable to attend school and the treatment modality.

Temporarily disabled students who are receiving care in an out-of District residential health facility (excluding state hospitals) are deemed residents of the District in which the health facility is located. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the District in which the student is receiving care. (Education Code 48208)

Education Code 48206.3 requires Districts to provide individual instruction for temporarily disabled students in residential health facilities (excluding state hospitals) located within the District. If the disabled student's home Is not located within the providing District, that District must write to the student's home District within the first five days of hospital teaching, instructing the home District not to count the disabled student when computing average daily attendance.

The charter school shall notify parents/guardians annually that individual instruction is available for temporarily disabled students.