

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

POLICY: HOME INSTRUCTION/BEDSIDE INSTRUCTION

To provide uninterrupted education for pupils unable to attend their regular classes because of illness, disability, court order or administrative action, the Board of Education shall provide away-from-school instruction when proper application has been made and subject to the following restrictions:

- A. The period of absence must be expected to be longer than two weeks except in special circumstances.
- B. A parent/guardian or appropriate adult authority must be within call during the period of instruction.
- C. In cases of illness or disability, medical certification is required both of the necessity for the pupil's absence and his/her fitness to benefit from the instruction.

Each case must be approved by Board action; all proper legal procedures must be followed; all requirements for receipt of state aid must be fulfilled.

The Board shall provide home or out-of-school instructional services no later than five (5) days after the student has left the general education program.

The Chief School Administrator shall delegate/ select the instructors and oversee coordination between the home instructor and the regular classroom teacher in determining the pupil's instructional program. The home or out-of-school instructional services shall meet the minimum standards that are specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.2 (d) including but not limited to:

- 1. The school district shall develop an Individualized Program Plan (IPP) for delivery of instruction and maintain a record of delivery of instructional services and student progress,
- 2. The teacher providing instruction shall be appropriately certified,
- 3. The teacher shall provide one-on-one instruction with no fewer than 10 hours each week on three separate days and no fewer than 10 additional hours per week of guided learning experience.
- 4. The instruction shall meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

A pupil receiving home instruction is not considered absent.

Legal References:

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq. Special education

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 Reporting, notification and examination procedures for students suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.5 Removal of students from general education for firearms offenses

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.6 Removal of students from general education for assaults with weapons offenses

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1 et seq. Home or Out-of-School Instruction for General Education Students

N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1 Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

H.A. v. Board of Education Warren Hills Regional, 1976 S.L.D. 336

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

Somerset County Educational Services Commission v. North Plainfield Board of Education 1999 S.L.D. September 7 State in re G.S. 330 N.J. Super. 338 (Ch. Div. 2000)

Cross References:

4112.2 Certification

5113 Absences and excuses

5114 Suspension and expulsion

5131 Conduct/discipline

5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)

5131.7 Weapons and dangerous instruments

5134 Married/pregnant pupils

5141.2 Illness

6146 Graduation requirements

6164.2 Guidance services

6164.4 Child study team

6171.4 Special education

6172 Alternative educational programs

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