

Can a Student Attend School Part-time and Also Receive Homebound Instruction Services?

Yes. For students who have a severe, chronic or intermittent condition certified by a licensed physician, licensed clinical psychologist, psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner, they can temporarily attend school on a part-time basis, while also receiving Homebound instruction.

Do State Compulsory Attendance Laws Apply to Homebound Students?

Yes. State compulsory attendance laws fully apply to medical Homebound students.

If your student is approved for Homebound Instruction Services, you will be contacted by your school's social worker. You will be provided with further information regarding Homebound processes and procedures. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask any further questions you may have.

Is Homebound instruction the Same as Home- schooling?

No. The Homebound Instruction program is a public school education program with specific eligibility criteria for students who cannot attend school because of a medically verified physical or emotional/psychiatric condition. Home-schooling is a non-public school, parent/guardian choice option, where student instruction is directed by the parent/guardian.

For more information about Home-schooling, please contact **(571) 252.1200**.

Office of Homebound Instruction Services

Questions? Please contact your school administrator or **Melanie Stephenson, MSW, LSW, Coordinator, Homebound Instruction Services** at **(571) 252.1015** or **Melanie.Stephenson@lcps.org**.



HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION SERVICES:

Questions and Answers

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Homebound Instruction?

Loudoun County Public Schools' (LCPS) Homebound Instruction Program is designed to provide continuity of educational services between the classroom and home/hospital for students who must be **confined** due to a medical need, either physical or psychological, that contraindicates school attendance for a **limited period of time. It is not intended to be a replacement for a regular school program.**

The goal of Homebound services is to keep the student current with classroom instruction and to facilitate the student's return to the current classroom setting as soon as possible.

Is There a Minimum and Maximum Approval Period for Services?

Yes. Students must have a medical need for services of **at least three weeks or longer**. In accordance with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) guidelines, a student can be approved for services **maximum of nine weeks** per approval period.

How do we Apply for Services?

Parents/guardians can contact the Assistant Principal Homebound Contact at their student's school for the necessary forms. If the student has a physical medical need that is preventing his or her regular attendance at school, a licensed physician who is actively treating the student, must complete a *Physician's Certification of Need*. If the student has a mental health condition, that is preventing regular school attendance, a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist or psychiatric nurse practitioner must complete a *Physician's Certification of Need*.

"I cannot teach the head when the heart is broken or the mind is troubled" ~Parkway School District
Teacher of the Year, St. Louis, MO.

The parent/guardian must also sign the *Parental Request for Homebound Instruction* form in order for the request to be reviewed and considered for approval by the Office of Homebound Instruction Services.

Who Teaches a Student who is Receiving Homebound Instruction?

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Homebound Instruction Guidelines state that a Homebound teacher must be a Virginia licensed teacher. LCPS Homebound teachers are licensed full-time classroom teachers or those who have chosen to teach on a part-time basis.

What Subjects are Instructed During Homebound Instruction?

Instruction is provided in core classes: English, mathematics, science, and social studies/history. Specialty classes (i.e., those requiring labs, special facilities or equipment) may not be comparable. Instruction for elective courses must be coordinated by the student's school and is not guaranteed via Homebound services. Homebound instruction is not provided for Physical Education (P.E.) or fine or practical arts courses.

Courses can be instructed in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, direct teacher and online instruction.

Every effort will be made to ensure academic progress; however, course credit must still be **earned** according to class requirements.