

POLICY FOR HOME-BOUND INSTRUCTION

U.S.D. #284 will provide homebound instruction for students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. Homebound instruction is reserved for students who cannot attend school due to a disability, which will prevent the student from attending school for at least two weeks. Students who are experiencing pregnancy, injury, or illness are not eligible for home-bound instruction unless the physician treating the student certifies in writing that the student is unable to attend school and receive regular classroom instruction.

1. If a parent/guardian requests a home-bound placement, a letter from the student's physician must be sent to the appropriate building administrator. The letter must be on the physician's official office stationery and must include the following:
 - a. the diagnosis of the condition which requires the student to stay at home for at least two weeks, and
 - b. the doctor's estimate as to how long the student will remain at home due to the illness or injury. This should include the estimated beginning and ending date for which home-bound instruction will be needed.

NOTE: If a home-bound placement is approved, after two weeks have passed the physician caring for any student requesting further home-bound instruction must re-certify in writing each week that the student is still physically unable to attend school if home-bound instruction is to continue.

2. If proper medical authorization is sent to the building principal, the principal will consult with the superintendent of schools. The superintendent may give the principal permission to hire a certified teacher who has a valid Kansas teaching certificate at the proper level to instruct the student in the home. A copy of the teacher's certificate must be on file in the U.S.D. #284 office so the teacher can be paid for home-bound instruction. It will be the responsibility of the home-bound teacher to turn in a timecard at the U.S.D. Office. Hours will be certified by the high school principal. Home-bound instruction may be for any number of hours per week up to a maximum of 12 to 15 per week. **Note:** Some classes will not be eligible for home-bound instruction since the student cannot complete the goals and objectives of the course (for example: lab classes).
3. Hourly pay rate for home-bound teachers will be determined by the superintendent of schools.
4. If the home-bound placement is more than five (5) miles from the USD office, mileage will be paid at the same rate as is paid to other U.S.D. #284 employees.
5. Students declared eligible for homebound instruction may be placed on a 504 Plan.