



CORNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home Hospital Program

Purpose

Any pupil that is unable to attend the regular school day for a period of two weeks or longer due to a **temporary** illness, injury, surgery, or chronic medical/mental health disorder requiring a temporary stay at home, may receive Home Hospital Program Instruction. Instruction in the Home Hospital program will be provided by a credentialed teacher in the Corning Union Elementary School District.

The purpose of the Home Hospital Program is to support the student in maintaining a continuity of instruction during the student's absence from the regular program.

To qualify for the Home Hospital Instruction Program, the student's temporary disability (illness, injury, surgery, or chronic medical/mental health disorder) must be diagnosed and verified in writing by a licensed physician.

A temporary disability is defined as a physical, mental, or emotional disability incurred while a student is enrolled in regular day classes or an alternative education program. Home Hospital Instruction Program is, by definition, a **temporary** program (**2 weeks or more**) and is not provided for extended periods of time or in lieu of school attendance.

A temporary disability does not include a disability for which a student is identified as an individual with exceptional needs pursuant to California Ed Code Section 56026.

Home Hospital Instruction Program Teachers

Home Hospital Instruction teachers are selected by Site Administrators with the assistance of the district office if necessary. Fairness, appropriateness, and special circumstances are factors for teacher selection.

Home Hospital Instruction teachers are responsible for the development and coordination with the parent, a program that will incorporate up to five (5) hours of instruction per week. They will collaborate with the student's enrolled school classroom teacher(s) to obtain instructional materials that provide for a consistent program.

Instruction

Instruction will be offered through individual sessions that are scheduled in conjunction with the parent/guardian, student, and the Home Hospital teacher at times that are conducive to quality instruction. The Home Hospital teacher will consider that the type of temporary disability incurred and/or the treatment being received may influence the readiness and degree of concentration that the student can devote to instruction.

Home Hospital instruction consists of five (5) hours per week (excluding weeks where there is a holiday, staff development, etc. and the student would not normally be in the regular classroom). One hour of home hospital = 1 day of instruction/up to 5 hours a week.

No carryover instruction hours are allowed from week to week. Home Hospital Instruction Program does not operate during breaks or summer.

Students should work from the same coursework they utilized prior to the temporary disability.

Returning to School

A student may return to school at the end of the term originally prescribed by the physician (no doctor release necessary). If a student is released before the end of the term originally prescribed by the physician, a doctor's release note is required. The doctor's early release certification must be brought to the school of enrollment prior to the student's return to school.

Any recommendation for a partial return will require both a physician's note and a 504-plan team consideration. Determination will be made on a case-by-case basis by a team composed of those knowledgeable about the student.

Attendance

A day of attendance under Home Hospital instruction will generate the same funding as a minimum day of attendance of a regular student. In no event shall a student be credited with more than five (5) days of attendance or no more than five hours per calendar week or more than the total number of calendar days that the regular classes are maintained by the district in any fiscal year.

Days of attendance should be reported for apportionment purposes in the category that the student is enrolled in regularly. Supporting attendance documents shall reflect positive attendance accounting procedures, where only credit for apportionment purposes can be given when the day of attendance is provided. Attendance for Home Hospital students shall be kept on the Home Hospital Weekly Attendance Register. A student on Home Hospital remains on the attendance roster of the enrolled school.