Frequently Asked Questions

⇒ **What is the Homebound Program?**
  - The Homebound Program offers instruction by certified teachers to students enrolled in the Dallas Independent School District who will be absent from school for medical reasons, for at least four consecutive weeks. It is offered as part of the district’s service to elementary and secondary students with non-contagious illnesses, or any other medical reasons. Instruction takes place at the student’s home.

⇒ **How can I contact the Homebound Program?**
  - The school nurse has homebound packets containing all homebound forms and contact numbers. There is an Itinerant Services link on the Special Education website listing contact information. Forms can also be downloaded from the website [http://inet.dallasisd.org/forms/specialed-forms.htm](http://inet.dallasisd.org/forms/specialed-forms.htm)

⇒ **What are some “medical reasons” for which a student can be referred?**
  - Medical reasons may include accidents, surgery, infections, diseases, terminal illnesses, pregnancy, and mental health problems.

⇒ **How long must a student be ill before they can be referred to Homebound?**
  - A Hospital Homebound student can be referred if the student is expected to be absent for 4 consecutive weeks or longer. Hospitalized students can be referred upon entering the hospital. Students with scheduled surgery may make arrangements for after-surgery Hospital Homebound support.

⇒ **Is a medical note required before a student starts homebound services?**
  - A licensed physician / psychiatrist complete the physician’s statement to refer a student for Homebound Services. The doctor’s referral should indicate the medical reason for absence, and also how long the student is expected to be unable to attend school.

⇒ **What hours does a Homebound teacher work?**
  - Hospital Homebound teachers work regular school hours. They will not schedule appointments on weekends or school holidays. They follow the same school calendar as the campus teachers.
⇒ **Are there certain requirements for the home to be aware of when the Homebound teacher visit?**
  - A parent or other responsible adult is required to be present when the Homebound teacher visits. If this cannot be arranged, it may be possible to meet the student at a nearby public library.

⇒ **What happens after a student has been referred?**
  - The Hospital Homebound teacher will contact the student’s teacher(s) to arrange for an SST meeting (general education student) or ARD meeting (special education student). Homebound students remain enrolled at their home campus but are served by the Homebound teacher.

⇒ **When are Homebound teachers not permitted to go into a home?**
  - a) When a supervising adult cannot be present and other arrangements cannot be made.
  - b) When there is communicable disease.
  - c) When there are unsafe or unsanitary conditions.

⇒ **How long does each Homebound appointment last?**
  - The amount of time for services will vary and is to be determined during the SST/ARD meeting prior to placement.

⇒ **What is the student expected to do?**
  - The student will work on assignments that he/she would do if attending regular classes in school, using texts, worksheets, workbooks, exercises, etc. assigned by the Homebound teacher(s).

⇒ **What types of resources do Homebound teachers have?**
  - Homebound teachers have access to the same curriculum students would use at their home school. Homebound students will receive resources from classroom teachers and other school staff. Public libraries, and the internet, are also excellent resources.

⇒ **How do Homebound teachers report student progress/grades?**
  - Grades are submitted to the student’s home campus and reflected on the same progress reports / report cards as all other students enrolled in the Dallas Independent School District.

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