INSTRUCTION 6173

HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

Students who are of school age and who are physically unable to attend school for an extended period of time due to a physical, mental, or emotional disability are eligible for home/hospital instruction. Eligible students may receive instruction in the student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility excluding state hospitals.

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment. (Education Code <u>44865</u>)

The Superintendent or designee may require written verification through any reasonable means that the student requires home instruction. In addition, this verification shall also state that the disabling condition will not expose the teacher to a contagious disease that can be transmitted through casual contact. Home or hospital instruction shall not be denied to students with Hepatitis B, Herpes or HIV/AIDS, as long as the home or hospital practices current preventive protocol as determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code <u>48200</u>, students who are of school age are required to attend "full time day school" for the full time designated as the length of the school day by the Governing Board. Education Code <u>48206.3</u> provides that each hour of home or hospital instruction will count as one day of attendance; therefore, home/hospital students must receive at least one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the district in the regular education program (usually five days a week). Districts may provide more than five hours of instruction per week

but the apportionment purposes, cannot claim more days of attendance for such student than its calendar provides.

The district shall offer at least one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the district in the regular education program. No student shall be credited with more than five days of attendance per calendar week or credited with more than the total number of calendar days that regular classes are offered by the district in any fiscal year. (Education Code <u>48200</u>, <u>48206.3</u>)

Insofar as possible, the teacher providing home or hospital instruction shall consult with the student's current classroom teacher(s) so as to provide a continuity of instruction that enables the student to stay current with the regular school program.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 – Exposure Control Plan for Blood Borne Pathogens)

NON-DISTRICT STUDENTS

A student of another district who is temporarily disabled and confined to a hospital or health facility within this district shall be eligible to receive individual instruction in this district. (Education Code 48207)

In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the district of the student's presence in a qualifying hospital. (Education Code <u>48208</u>)