

Da Vinci Schools

Board Policy and Procedures

HOME HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

A student with a temporary disability which makes in-school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall be entitled to receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals. (Education Code [48206.3](#))

Temporary disability means a physical, mental or emotional disability incurred while a student is enrolled in regular day classes or an alternative education program, and after which the student can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or an alternative education program in which the student is enrolled. Temporary disability does not include a disability that would qualify a student for special education pursuant to Section [56026](#).

At the beginning of the school year, the Chief Executive Officer or designee shall notify parents/guardians of district students regarding: (Education Code [48206.3](#), [48208](#), [48980](#)).

1. The availability of individual instruction for any student with a temporary disability, including information regarding student eligibility for, and the duration of, individual instruction.
2. The rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians of any student with a temporary disability pursuant to Education Code [48207](#) and [48208](#)

Parents/guardians shall notify the principal or designee when their child is temporarily disabled and needs individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility.

Determination of Student Eligibility

Individual instruction at a student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility shall begin no later than five working days after the Chief Executive Officer or designee makes the determination that the student is eligible to receive individual instruction. (Education Code [48207.5](#), [48208](#))

The Chief Executive Officer or designee may require verification through any reasonable means that the student is temporarily disabled and needs individual instruction. Da Vinci School's reasonable verification requirements will include:

- A parent provided statement explaining the basis for requesting home hospital instruction
- The requested length of home hospital instruction
- A statement of no risk of contracting contagious or infectious disease
- A statement of no risk of harm to the instructor to provide in-home instruction and any precautions the instructor should take when instructing the student
- A Physician's written description of the disabling condition, and/or authorization of exchange of information with physician to get more health information, signed by parent/guardian

Da Vinci Schools shall be responsible for providing individual instruction to any temporarily disabled student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within Wiseburn district boundaries,

whether or not the student is enrolled in the district. If the student is enrolled in another district or charter school, the Chief Executive Officer or designee may enter into an agreement to have the student's district of residence provide the individual instruction. The Chief Executive Officer or designee may also enter into an agreement to provide individual instruction to a student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within the boundaries of another district. (Education Code [48208](#))

Whenever Da Vinci Schools provides individual instruction to a non-district student who is in a hospital or other residential health facility located within district boundaries, the Chief Executive Officer or designee shall, within five working days of the beginning of the individual instruction, provide written notification to the student's district of residence that, effective on the date on which individual instruction began, the district of residence may not count the student for purposes of computing that district's average daily attendance. (Education Code [48208](#))

A student receiving individual instruction in a hospital or residential health facility for a partial week shall be entitled to attend school or receive individual instruction at home on days in which the student is not receiving individual instruction in the hospital or other residential health facility, if the student is well enough to do so. (Education Code [48207.3](#))

Teacher Assignment

Home or hospital instruction shall be provided only by teachers with valid California teaching credentials who consent to the assignment. (Education Code [44865](#)).

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 abreast with the regular Da Vinci School program. The Home Hospital Instruction tutor/teacher functions as a liaison between the school site teachers and student, gathers relevant assignments, reviews and completes the coursework with the student.

The tutor/teacher providing Home and Hospital Instruction shall contact the student's school and teacher to determine:

1. The course work to be completed during Home and Hospital Instruction;
2. The instructional materials to be used.

Instruction may be delivered individually, in small groups, or by teleclass.

Attendance Supervision

The district's attendance supervisor shall ensure that the absences of any temporarily disabled student receiving individual instruction at home or in a hospital or other residential health facility are excused until the student is able to return to the regular school program. (Education Code [48240](#))

Da Vinci Schools shall offer at least one hour of instruction for every day of instruction offered by the school 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 [48200](#), [48206.3](#)) Each home or hospital teaching session shall not exceed three (3) hours in duration, and the student shall receive a maximum of five (5) hours per week of individual instruction. Specific schedules based on the student's unique health care needs will be taken into consideration but shall not exceed the (3) hours in one session. Students with disabilities will receive an IEP outlining home hospital services and supports for their accommodations and modifications. Home and Hospital Instruction is provided for a minimum of two (2) weeks and a maximum of nine (9) weeks while the regular school program is in session. If warranted, a medical health professional may request an extension of services by completing a Request for Extension of Services form and providing updated medical findings and diagnosis.

Courses Available Through Home or Hospital Instruction

TK-6 and middle school/high school core curriculum subjects, such as English, Social Studies, Math, and Science (not labs), generally are available through home and hospital instruction. Courses such as honors, choir, instrument, courses with labs, foreign languages, other electives, etc., may or may not be available through online remote programs coordinated by home and hospital instructors and will be considered individually by the site principal wherever possible.

Home Hospital Instruction During School Closures Due to Pandemic or Emergency Closure Orders

Da Vinci students previously enrolled or new student requests for a home hospital instruction program during a state or county mandated school closure shall be reviewed by a Da Vinci school health care medical professional and principal/designee. The school health care professional and principal/designee may authorize direct home hospital services to be initiated or continue if allowable during the closure period, and if the student cannot be appropriately supported through distance learning. Da Vinci Schools shall seek guidance from the Los Angeles County Office of Education Health Services Division and LA County Department of Public Health to determine if staff and student safety provisions are met prior to sending employees or contracted staff to a student's home. This guidance is required to prevent possible transmission of viruses or other illnesses while a community outbreak is occurring or likely to occur. Students will re-apply for the home hospital program with new physician orders outlining any additional health care actions or needs that would be required during this period. In-home teaching staff will only be assigned if the health and safety of all individuals involved in the service plan are maintained, and if the student cannot be appropriately supported through distance learning. Remote instructional services, or distance learning, such as web-based instruction may be temporary options considered by the home hospital coordinating team for confined students during these phases of school closures to support continuity of learning, attendance and engagement in learning at Da Vinci Schools.

Students Receiving Special Education Services

Students receiving special education services shall receive special education and related services in the Home and Hospital Instruction program if the student's individualized education program ("IEP") team recommends such instruction or services. To be eligible for instruction in the Home and Hospital program, the IEP team must have a medical report from the attending physician or the report of a psychologist, as appropriate, stating the diagnosed condition and certifying that the severity of the condition prevents the student from attending a less restrictive placement. The report must include a specified date for the projected return of the student to the classroom. The IEP team must make home and hospital placements determination and record the determination appropriate in the student's individualized education program ("IEP").

Instruction in the Home and Hospital Instruction program will be provided by a regular education teacher or a special education teacher.

For students receiving special education services with a medical condition related to surgery, accidents, short-term illness or medical treatments for a chronic illness, the IEP team will review, and revise, if appropriate, the IEP whenever there is significant change to the student's current medical condition.

Return to School

A student receiving individual instruction who is well enough to return to school shall be allowed to return to the school that the student attended immediately before receiving individual instruction, if the return occurs during the school year in which the individual instruction was initiated. (Education Code [48207.3](#))

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