

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: HOMEBOUND/MEDICAL
EXCUSAL INSTRUCTION

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<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 11.25 SC 1329</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">117. HOMEBOUND/MEDICAL EXCUSAL INSTRUCTION</p> <p>The Board shall provide, pursuant to law and regulations, individual instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness, injury, or when such confinement is recommended for psychological or psychiatric reasons.</p> <p>An application for individual instruction shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certify the nature of the illness or disability. 2. State the probable duration of the confinement. 3. Be approved by the Superintendent. <p>The Superintendent shall forward a recommendation for individual instruction to the Board for approval.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures to safeguard the privacy of each child placed on individual instruction.</p> <p>Section I. The Board shall provide individual instruction only for those confinements expected to last:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least two (2) weeks. 2. Exceptions are the responsibility of the Superintendent. <p>The program of individual instruction given each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the state.</p> <p>The hours of instruction shall not exceed five (5) hours per week or the maximum number for which subsidy is available.</p>
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<p>4. Authority</p> <p>SC 13-1330 Title 22 Sec. 11.25</p>	<p>Section 2. Excusal from School for Mental, Physical, and Other Urgent Reasons.</p> <p><i>2.0 Mental or Physical Reason for Excusal</i> - The Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, may excuse from compulsory school attendance any District student of compulsory age when the following conditions are satisfied:</p> <p>2.0.1 A mental or physical condition that (a) is severe, (b) is likely to persist for greater than four (4) calendar weeks during which school is in session, and (c) is widely recognized within an established field of medicine or psychology prevents the child from attending school;</p> <p>2.0.2 The District has received a report written by a licensed medical doctor or a licensed psychologist that (a) describes the mental or physical condition using professionally recognized diagnostic criteria, (b) contains a clear recommendation the child not attend school for a specified period, and (c) explains how the mental or physical condition of the child prevents school attendance; and</p> <p>2.0.3 The District does not have reason to suspect that the reasons offered to excuse the nonattendance are fraudulent or constitute an attempt to subterfuge the compulsory attendance laws of the Commonwealth.</p> <p><i>2.1 Other Urgent Reasons for Excusal</i> - In extraordinary circumstances, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board may excuse for compulsory attendance any district student of compulsory age upon receipt of clear evidence from credible sources that a condition exist indisputably renders such attendance a clear and immediate danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others and when such condition is likely to persist for a period greater than four (4) calendar weeks during which school is in session. Whenever possible evidence of such condition must be provided under or subject to an oath that would subject the provider thereof to criminal prosecution in the event that any portion is determined to be false.</p> <p><i>2.2 Approval by the Department of Education</i> - The approval of any excusal from compulsory education shall not become final until it is approved by the designated authority within the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall forward any approval by the Board to the Department in such form and with such substantiating documentation as the Department shall require. Nothing in this policy shall preclude excusal of a student who has satisfied the conditions enumerated in sections 2.0 or 2.1 of this policy pending approval of the Department, provided, however, that the District shall treat such excusal as revoked immediately upon notification of the parent or guardian of the student that the Department has disapproved such excusal.</p>
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