



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

HOME INSTRUCTION

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is committed to providing a quality, Catholic education to all of its registered students. The NCDSB also recognizes that from time to time, school attendance may be impossible for a student in the case of serious illness, injury, or extenuating circumstances. As such, a student may be eligible for home instruction in order to access fundamental elements of academic programming to support continued achievement of the Ontario Curriculum. It is understood that home instruction is a temporary measure to assist a student in making the transition back to regular school attendance.

REFERENCES

Education Act

Enrolment Register Instructions for Elementary and Secondary Schools

NCDSB Administrative Procedure

APE013 Home Instruction

DEFINITIONS

Home Instruction

A short-term intervention for students who are unable to attend school due to serious illness, injury, or exceptional circumstance.

POLICY REGULATIONS

- 1.0 The Board will provide home instruction to resident pupils provided that:
 - i) The service is requested by the parent/guardian and is being recommended by the Principal.
 - ii) The parent/guardian request is accompanied by a doctor's certificate, which should indicate the expected date of return to school.
 - iii) The student will be confined at home or in the hospital, within the area of the Board's jurisdiction, for a period of at least three weeks.
 - iv) A certified and appropriately qualified teacher is available.

- 2.0 Requests for home instruction shall be in accordance with this policy and its attendant procedures.

- 3.0 A Superintendent of Education will consider a request for home instruction on an individual student basis. In no case, however, shall home instruction exceed a period of three months without a review.
- 4.0 Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Superintendent of Education may exercise their discretion to authorize home instruction for a student where it is in the student's best interest to receive home instruction for their own safety and/or the safety of others within the school community.
- 5.0 The Principal will be responsible for oversight of the program and will communicate directly with the family on the Board's behalf.
- 6.0 Administrative procedures will accompany this policy and will be reviewed regularly to ensure compliance with the *Education Act* and related ministry expectations.