



Home and Hospital Instruction (HHI) Policy

Per state law, the new Home and hospital regulations became effective on May 12, 2023 and are authorized by the Students' Right to Home or Hospital Instruction Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-204, D.C. Official Code §§ 38-251.01 – 38-251.10).

Home and hospital programs allow scholars to continue academic instruction in core subjects while they are unable to be present at school. The [Students' Right to Home and Hospital Instruction Act of 2020](#) requires every local education agency (LEA) in the District of Columbia to adopt and implement a home and hospital instruction program beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

LEAs are required to approve and provide home and hospital instruction upon receipt of: (i) a written application from the parent/guardian of an enrolled scholar, and (ii) a medical certification of need signed by a licensed medical professional. The duration of services shall not exceed **60** calendar days unless an extension is granted upon a parent/guardian's request accompanied by recertification of medical need.

Please contact the school's administration or Home and Hospital Instruction Program (HHIP) POC for additional information regarding the application process.

Appealing Home and Hospital Decisions

OSSE will oversee the appeal and mediation process for home and hospital instruction, and will organize mandatory mediation for all parties.

An LEA may deny an application for home or hospital instruction only if the application or a medical certification of need is missing or incomplete. Therefore, appeals are limited to instances where the parent/guardian asserts that:

1. The application and medical certification or recertification are complete and/or
2. The LEA's decision was not made in accordance with the statute and/or regulations.

If a request for home and hospital instruction was denied, parents/guardians have the right to appeal the school's decision. **To submit an appeal to OSSE, please complete the Home and Hospital Instruction Appeal form located [here](#).** The form must be submitted to OSSE within **10 calendar days** of receipt of the school's decision. Upon submission, parents/guardians will receive an email confirmation of the submission and a member of OSSE's staff will reach out with the next steps in the process.

Resources

[Chapter 25 - Students Right to Home and Hospital Guidance](#)
[Students' Right to Home and Hospital Instruction Act of 2020](#)