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Authority

The Springfield School District (“District”) shall provide, pursuant to rules of the State Board of Education, individual instruction to students confined to home or hospital for physical disability, illness or injury, or short-term mental health emergencies. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

Application for individual instruction shall be certified by a licensed medical professional, approved by the Superintendent, stating the nature of the illness or disability, state the probable duration of the confinement and must be approved by the Superintendent. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

The District may provide individual instruction only for those confinements expected to last at least two (2) weeks, but such exceptions may be made as the Intermediate Unit and/or the Superintendent deem advisable and so recommend. Homebound instruction will extend for no more than sixty (60) school days unless approved for an extension by the PA Department of Education.

The program of individual instruction given each student shall be in accordance with the standards established by the Secretary of Education. Instruction will be contingent upon the availability of appropriately certified teachers. The District reserves the right to use online tutorial/instructional programs when teachers are unavailable or when a particular student would be better served in this manner.

The Superintendent or his/her designee may request approval from the Department of Education to extend the period of homebound instruction for an individual, which shall be re-evaluated every three (3) months. [\[2\]](#)

The District reserves the right to withhold individual instruction when the instructor’s presence in the place of a student’s confinement presents a hazard to the health or safety of the teacher or if a parent or other adult in authority is not at home with the student during the hours of instruction.

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2. 22 PA Code 11.25