

Section 8-17.1. Homebound instruction required; limitations; medical forms required on file. — A. The School Board shall maintain a program of homebound instruction for students who are confined for periods that would prevent normal school attendance based upon certification of need by a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, advanced practice registered nurse, or clinical psychologist.

B. Upon request of the student's parent or guardian and provided such request is also recommended by a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, advanced practice registered nurse, or clinical psychologist, the School Board shall furnish a teacher to instruct the student at home a maximum of forty (40) hours for secondary students and twenty (20) hours for elementary students per calendar month. Any credits earned shall be considered a part of the student's regular school work and recorded as such on the cumulative record. Credit for the work shall be awarded when it is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant subject areas and employed by the School Board, and there is evidence that the instructional time requirements or alternative means of awarding credit adopted by the school board have been met.

C. Students may enroll in and receive a standard and verified unit of credit for supervised virtual courses with prior approval of the principal. The superintendent is responsible for developing regulations governing this method of delivery that include the provisions of 8 VAC 20-131-110 and the administration of required Standards of Learning tests prescribed by 8 VAC 20-131-30. For courses offered for possible high school credit, standard units of credit are awarded for successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher qualified in the relevant subject areas. A verified unit of credit may be earned when the student has successfully completed the requirements specified in 8 VAC 20-131-110.

D. Medical forms must be maintained on file. (Adopted January 12, 1995; Revised June 14, 2001; Ordinance Number 00/01-12; Effective Date: July 1, 2001; Revised April 10, 2013; Ordinance Number 12/13-74; Effective Date: July 1, 2013; Revised October 13, 2016; Ordinance Number 16/17-18; Effective Date: July 1, 2017; Revised December 13, 2018, Ordinance Number 18/19-40; Effective Date: December 13, 2018)

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