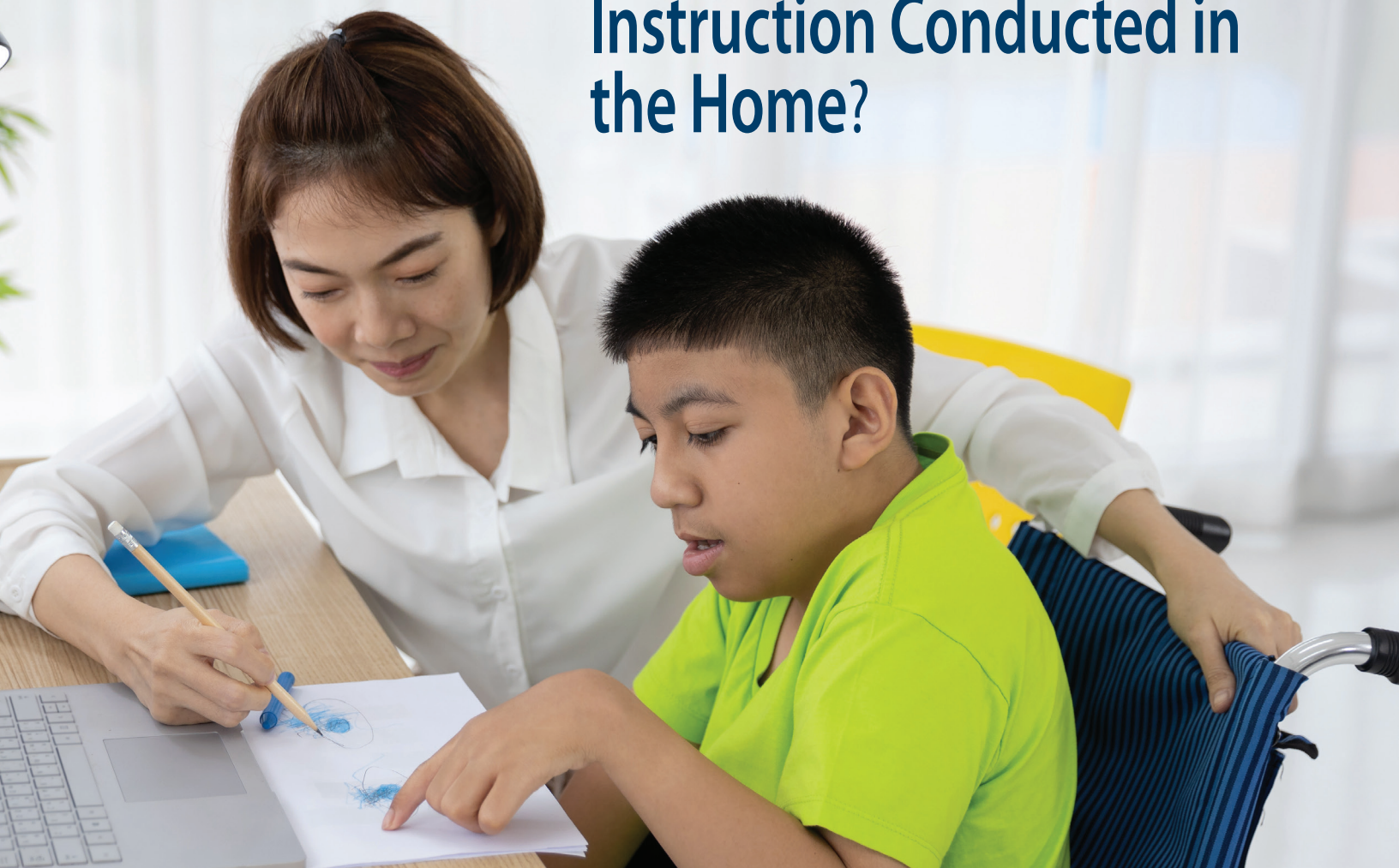


# What is the difference between Homebound Instruction and Instruction Conducted in the Home?



When referring to a student who receives special education services, the terms *Homebound Instruction* and *Instruction Conducted in the Home* are often confused. This fact sheet explains the difference between the two services and provides links to further information.

## Homebound Instruction

*Homebound Instruction* describes the instruction a local educational agency (LEA) may provide when a student has been excused from compulsory attendance under 22 Pa. Code §11.25 due to temporary mental or physical illness or other urgent reasons. *Homebound Instruction* applies to all students – general education students, as well as students who receive special education services. The purpose of *Homebound Instruction* is to keep the student on

track academically while the student is temporarily out of school. *Homebound Instruction* is school-supplied, one-to-one tutoring for a limited time. *Homebound Instruction* is not a special education placement option for students with disabilities; there are occasions when a student with a disability may receive homebound instruction due to a temporary excusal from compulsory attendance in the same manner as the student's nondisabled peers. It is recommended that specially designed instruction and monitoring of progress are included for a student with a disability during the temporary placement. For more information about *Homebound Instruction*, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Homebound%20Instruction/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Instruction Conducted in the Home

*Instruction Conducted in the Home* is included in the definition of special education located in the federal regulations (34 CFR §300.39(a)(ii)), and is recognized as a placement option on the continuum of alternative placements for students with disabilities (34 CFR §300.115). The use of *Instruction Conducted in the Home* is restricted to students whose needs require full-time special education services and programs outside of the school setting for the entire day. Ordinarily, these are students who, because of a severe medical condition or mobility impairment, are unable to leave home to attend school. *Instruction Conducted in the Home* is a placement determined only by the decision of an individualized education program (IEP)

team. This instruction may be provided in the student’s home or a mutually agreed upon location that is decided by the IEP team. For more information addressing *Instruction Conducted in the Home*, read the Basic Education Circular titled *Instruction Conducted in the Home*, found on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Policy-Funding/BECS/FederalCode/Pages/InstructionConductedHome.aspx>.

### The Reporting Process

Students who are receiving *Homebound Instruction* or *Instruction Conducted in the Home* must be reported to the Bureau of Special

Education. A webinar, titled *Intensive Interagency, Homebound Instruction and Instruction Conducted in the Home: Definitions and Regulations*, explains this process and is located on PaTTAN’s website at <http://tinyurl.com/home-webinar>.

FAQs	Homebound Instruction	Instruction Conducted in the Home
<b>Who is eligible to receive this service?</b>	All students – general education students, as well as students who receive special education services	Restricted to students whose needs require full-time special education services and programs outside of the school setting for the entire day
<b>How and when are the need for services determined?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent initiates request</li> <li>• LEA makes the decision for the student to receive Homebound Instruction</li> <li>• Student must be excused from compulsory attendance under 22 Pa. Code §11.25 due to temporary mental or physical illness or other urgent reasons</li> <li>• Requires a doctor’s note indicating a medical or psychological issue</li> </ul>	Placement is determined only by the decision of an individualized education program (IEP) team and requires a signed Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP)/Prior Written Notice (PWN). Prior to determination by the educating LEA, the IEP team will reconvene and determine whether the medical condition warrants Instruction Conducted in the Home as the appropriate placement, and issue a NOREP/PWN.
<b>Who provides instruction?</b>	If the student receives special education services, instruction must be provided by a certified special education teacher	Instruction must be provided by a certified special education teacher
<b>Where is instruction provided?</b>	Instruction is delivered in the student’s location (e.g., home, hospital, treatment facility)	Instruction is limited to the student’s home or a mutually agreed upon location that is decided by the IEP team
<b>How long can a student receive this service?</b>	Anticipated length of service may not exceed 3 months unless the LEA requests approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to extend the provision of Homebound Instruction, which shall be reevaluated every 3 months.	For the length of the IEP (the IEP can be reviewed at any time)

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