

## **Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School**

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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF HOME /HOSPITAL-BASED EDUCATIONAL SERVICE GUIDELINES**

*In accordance with the Massachusetts regulation requiring educational services in the home or hospital is 603 CMR 28.0J(3)(c) and incorporating procedures at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School (DRVT HS), the following process will apply:*

1. Upon receipt of a physician's written order verifying that any student enrolled at DRVTHS must remain at home or in a hospital on a day or overnight basis, or any combination of both, for medical reasons and for a period of not less than fourteen school days in any school year. the principal designee shall arrange for provision of educational services in the home or hospital. Such services shall be provided with sufficient frequency to allow the student to continue his or her educational program and will not interfere with the medical needs of the student. The principal shall coordinate such services with the Administrator for Special Education for eligible students. Such educational services shall not be considered special education unless the student has been determined eligible for such services, and the services include services on the student's IEP.
2. Students with chronic illnesses who have recurring home /hospital stays of less than 14 consecutive school days, when such recurrences have added up to or are expected to add up to more than 14 school days in a school year. are also eligible for home or hospital educational services if they are requested and the medical need is documented by the physician. Home and hospital educational services under 603 CM R 28.03(3)(c) will begin without undue delay after DRVTHS receives written notice from the student's physician that such services are necessary.
3. Home /hospital instruction is not considered "special education" unless the student has been found eligible for special education. Home /hospital instruction typically is considered a regular education service since it is in the interest of both the individual student and the school to make it possible for the student to keep up with schoolwork while s/he is unable to attend school for medical reasons.
4. If, in the judgment of the student's physician, a student with an IEP is likely to remain at home, in a hospital, or in a pediatric nursing home for medical reasons and for more than sixty (60) school days in any school year, the Administrator of

Special Education will convene a Team meeting to consider evaluation needs and, if appropriate, to amend the existing IEP or develop a new IEP suited to the student's unique circumstances . (See 603 CMR 28.04(4).)

5. Service delivery, including the time of day the services are to be delivered, should be determined in the best interests of the student and in consideration of the medical circumstances of the student.
6. When planning and delivering home or hospital educational services, DRVTHS will carefully consider all aspects of a student's educational program, while attending school. including any current IEP services, Section 504 plans and instructional accommodations, as well as the student's general education services.
7. Instruction that is provided in the home or hospital for public school students under 603 CMR 28.03(3)(c) will include the same academic content as that provided in the student's regular school- based program.
8. Appointments for services will be scheduled when a parent and/or a responsible is at home.
9. Any student who does not keep scheduled appointments (unless the student produces medical documentation for the scheduled time period), does not complete assigned work, does not cooperate with the tutor, and/ or fails assessments, tests, etc. may be subject to failure for the trimester/course.