

## Muscogee County School District Hospital/Homebound 2021-22 Information

Parents and guardians who have a child with a chronic health condition, which would deem them medically fragile, or circumstances that would consequently cause the parent or guardian to request for Hospital Homebound services – please review the information below. Parents who are requesting On-Line instruction for students are required to request for services through the Hospital Homebound process.

Hospital/Homebound (HHB) services are designed to provide continuity of educational services between the classroom and home or hospital for students in Georgia public schools whose medical needs, either physical or psychiatric, do not allow them to attend school for a limited period of time. HHB services are not intended to supplant regular school services and are by design temporary. The student must anticipate being absent from school for a minimum of ten consecutive or intermittent school days due to a medical or psychiatric condition. The student's inability to attend school for medical or psychiatric reasons must be certified by the licensed physician. Physician's Assistants and Nurse Practitioners may sign forms if delegated to do so. Psychiatric patients are to be only completed by a psychiatrist not a designee. Please review the information listed below very carefully to ensure that you complete all components if you are requesting Hospital Homebound services.

### What You Need to Know: Hospital Homebound On-Line Process

#### CURRENT STUDENTS

- Student must be enrolled in a Muscogee County Public Schools prior to the request for online instruction. Parents/Guardians must register through On-line registration to be considered.
- While this opportunity provides these identified students with an alternative synchronous/asynchronous instruction, extended on-line instruction can have negative impact on the academic progress of students. Online instruction is optional.
- Students (including participating siblings) attending on-line instruction will not participate in extracurricular school activities. Online instruction is terminated when the student is employed in any capacity, goes on vacation, participates in extracurricular activities, or is no longer confined to home.
- Parent/guardian will need to print out the application for their child's physician to complete. The online application Medical Referral Form must be signed and affirmed by a primary care medical provider.
- Families with multiple children will need to complete an application for each individual student that will need online instruction. Applications must be submitted to Muscogee County School District Central Registration Office; 2960 Macon Road Columbus Georgia 31906, 706-748-2000. One primary medical provider authorization may be attached to multiple student applications from one family.
- Once the application is complete, the parent/guardian will bring the application to Central Registration where they will be grouped. An acceptance or denial decision will be made at this time. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Once a decision is made, the family will be contacted by email. **There is no appeals process.** Final approval is at the discretion of Muscogee County School District. Any student eligible for on-line instruction, he/she is subject to mandatory attendance requirements.
- Parents should obtain instructional/technology materials from the Marshall Success Center 1830 Shepherd Dr. Columbus Georgia 31906, 706-748-2900. The Muscogee County School District maintains attendance zones for school assignments. Parents MUST register students at the school of assignment based on the legal residence. For more information related to On-line Instructional Learning, parents and guardians should contact Ms. Jeannie Polhamus, MCSD Lead Nurse at [Polhamus.jeananne.b@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:Polhamus.jeananne.b@muscogee.k12.ga.us).
- Parents please ensure that you once you have completed your application and the physician has signed and completed the Medical Referral form as well as affirmed that your child is medically fragile, parents must bring and submit the application to the Central Registration Office, 2960 Macon Road, Georgia 31906.