



LEA RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

The [Students' Right to Home and Hospital Instruction Act of 2020](#) requires every local education agency (LEA) in the District of Columbia to adopt and implement a home and hospital instruction (HHI) program. Home and hospital regulations became effective on May 12, 2023. Additionally, on March 5, 2024, the DC Council passed the [Extended Students' Right to Home or Hospital Instruction Amendment Act of 2023](#). This bill amended the definition of "health condition" to include pre-birth complications, childbirth, and postpartum recovery. This document is designed to provide support to District of Columbia LEAs in meeting HHI program requirements.

LEA HHI Responsibilities

Promulgate HHI program policies aligned with District of Columbia legislation¹

- Publicly post HHI program policies on your LEA website and submit them to OSSE
- Determine approvals and denials for HHI applications submitted by parents/guardians
- Attend mediation with parents/guardians to determine resolution to a HHI appeal
- Submit annual HHI data to OSSE

What is HHI?

HHI programs allow students to continue academic instruction in core subjects while they are unable to be present at school. HHI is designed to promote a participating student's academic progress by allowing the student to stay current with classroom instruction in core subjects, to the greatest extent possible when the student is out of school for a short-term medical situation that prevents them from attending school in person.

What does an HHI policy include?

- A process for a parent/guardian to apply for HHI
- Requirements for medical certification or recertification
- Appeal and mediation information

What responsibilities do LEAs have during the HHI application process?

- Provide HHI information within two days to any parent/guardian requesting it
- Provide a denial or approval within five days of receipt of an HHI application
- Keep records of HHI applications, approvals, denials and appeals to report annual HHI data to OSSE

What responsibilities do LEAs have during the HHI appeals process?

- Participate in mediation with parents/guardians to determine a resolution to an HHI appeal
- Provide services within five days of a mediation resolution or OSSE decision that requires home or hospital instruction for the student

Need more information?

For further information, please visit OSSE's [Home and Hospital Instruction website](#) or email the OSSE Home and Hospital office at OSSE.HHIappeal@dc.gov.

¹ DC ACT 25-526, D.C. Official Code Sections 38-251.01 through 38-251.10