

Homebound vs. Home-based Services

Background if needed:

The purpose of this Information Network document is to clarify the difference between Homebound and Home-based Services. Typically, when a student on an IEP is receiving services at home, the team references the services as Homebound. In most instances, the service is actually Home-based. The difference is very important in regards to MARSS coding and general education revenue.

WCED (Policy, Procedure, Recommendation):

	Home-Based Services	Homebound Services
Definition	Students with an IEP placed in the home by the IEP team are considered part-time students. The courts, principals and IEP teams are not authorized placing agents for the purpose of generating membership.	A medical authority must provide written verification of the student's confinement to the students' home. Medical authorities' prescription needs a termination date.
MARSS Membership	These students are considered part time and are reported through Percent Enrolled. Each hour of face to face direct instruction generates one hour of membership. Using online curriculum does not count towards membership, only direct time with teacher one on one.	At least one hour of one-to-one homebound instruction must be provided for each membership day claimed through homebound instruction. Unique circumstances and details are covered in the MARSS Manual under Homebound Services.
Due Process	IEP required to be updated to reflect home-based services, start date, hours of direct service, etc.	IEP required to be updated to reflect homebound services, start date, hours of direct service, etc.
Federal Setting	08	08
Homebound Flag	No	Yes- medical note confining the student to the home is on file

Refer to MARSS Manual Homebound Service Indicator for more information on Homebound Service requirements.