| Торіс | Home Placement | Homebound Services |
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| Which students are eligible? | Students who receive special education and related services under the IDEA and are unable to receive FAPE in a less restrictive setting. Home instruction is a placement on the least restrictive environment continuum. An IEP team may only place a student with a disability on home instruction if it determines he/she can't receive a FAPE in a less restrictive setting. | General and special education students who are unable to attend school, as certified by a medical doctor, for a period of not less than 3 months either consecutively or for intermittent periods of at least 3 months. |
| Does this placement appear in the IDEA? | Yes. Each PEA must include home instruction on its continuum of placements. 34 C.F.R. § 300.39 | No. Homebound services are governed by A.R.S. §15-901 |
| Who makes the placement determination? | The student's IEP team. | School officials and administrators. |
| Is medical documentation required? | No. The IDEA doesn't require medical documentation to support a placement as home instruction. Still, the IEP team must consider any medical documentation showing the student needs home instruction to receive an educational benefit. | Yes. A student must be examined by a medical doctor and be certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for a period of not less than 3 months or for intermittent periods of time totaling 3 school months during a school year. |
| Is there a time limit for this type of instruction? | No. However, the PEA must convene a team meeting to review the student's IEP at least once a year. It should also hold an IEP meeting if changes in the student's needs suggest home instruction is no longer appropriate. | Limited to one school year without recertification. |
| Who determines the type and amount of services the student will receive? | The IEP team. Remember that home instruction is a placement on the least restrictive environment continuum. If the PEA can't provide all of the services in the student's IEP in the home setting, then home instruction is probably not an appropriate placement. | The PEA determines whether a student receives homebound services based upon medical documentation. At least 4 hours of instruction in core academic subjects is required. |