

Situation	Is the Remote Homebound Waiver for SpEd Required?
If the remote instruction is temporary (3-4 weeks) until a return to in-person instruction, is the remote homebound (HB) waiver necessary?	Yes. Refer to Section 12.3.4, Remote Homebound Instruction, in the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) for guidance related to submitting the waiver.
If the ARD committee recommends a special education (SE) student be included in the asynchronous instruction plan, is the remote HB waiver necessary?	No. Be sure the asynchronous plan includes how services will be provided to SE students who require remote HB instruction at home or hospital bedside when the plan is submitted for TEA approval.
If districts (districts include open-enrollment charter schools in this table) address in their asynchronous instruction plans how they will deliver services, is the remote HB waiver necessary?	No. Be sure the asynchronous plan includes how services will be provided to SE students who require remote HB instruction at home or hospital bedside when the plan is submitted for TEA approval.
Are districts required to submit a remote HB waiver for SE students who require services at home or hospital bedside if instruction is provided via synchronous or asynchronous instructional methods?	No. If the district submits to TEA an asynchronous plan that includes how services will be provided to SE students that require remote HB instruction at home or hospital bedside and the plan is approved, no remote HB waiver is needed.
If a district is only providing on-campus instruction, is the remote HB waiver for students that require services from their home or hospital bedside necessary?	Yes. Refer to section 12.3.4, Remote Homebound Instruction, in the SAAH for guidance related to submitting the waiver.
If the district has included how it will provide remote services/instruction to SE students who require services/instruction at their home or hospital bedside (based on students' IEPs) in their asynchronous plan and the plan is approved, does the district need a remote HB waiver?	No. Please refer to the SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ on the TEA COVID-19 site (question #24 for additional guidance).
Can a district include in its asynchronous plan how it will serve remote HB SE students that require services from their home/hospital bedside if they are not currently serving students but anticipate they will at some point in the school year?	Yes. Districts can include it in their asynchronous plan how they will serve SE homebound students that require services from their home/hospital bedside if the district anticipates that the need will arise during the school year. If it is in the plan, a waiver need not be submitted for each student. The plan should be written to cover

	all students that may need homebound services from their home or hospital bedside.
Does a district submit a remote HB waiver to TEA through TEAL?	Yes. The waiver is submitted through TEAL under General Waivers. The requestor will need to have a TEAL account to access the waiver. The TEAL instructions and other waiver related information is on the Waiver Unit's webpage at https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/waivers/state-waivers . Also, when submitting the waiver request, follow the instructions in SAAH Section 12.3.4 and cite the requirement in #3 of the waiver request.
Is board approval required when the district submits a request for a remote HB waiver? Who submits them and authorizes the waiver requests?	Yes. The board is required to approve the waiver request, and the date of the board approval is required when completing the waiver request. All waiver requests go to the superintendent or the designee for approval (that means the superintendent or designee has to have TEAL access also). The submitter is the person approved by the superintendent or designee to submit the waiver. In some instances it may be the special education director or another district staff member who has TEAL access.
Does a district need to file a waiver retroactively because homebound, like the rest of its instruction, shifted to virtual instruction in the spring?	No.