
Purpose

The purpose of Hospital Homebound Education Services is to enable students to continue their education program while absent from school for periods during the school year because of illness or related medical/psychiatric reasons.

Also, students suspended by the board of school trustees under the School Act may be supported with Hospital Homebound Education Services.

These services should not be used routinely as the only option for students with intensive behaviour or emotional conditions.

As well, Hospital Homebound Education Services are not intended to serve students registered under the Home Education section of the School Act or registered under Distance Education.

Description of Services

Depending on their health, hospitalized and homebound students are encouraged to continue with an educational program as similar as possible to the program they receive in school.

Classroom teachers maintain ongoing responsibility for coordinating the student's educational program with the District Itinerant Hospital/Homebound Teacher acting as liaison.

Contact with the student will be on a regular basis, and of sufficient duration that the student is able to maintain his/her educational program to the extent that the medical/psychological condition allows.

Regular contact between the District Itinerant Hospital/Homebound Teacher, the principal, the classroom teacher(s), and the parents or guardians is expected.

Access to Services

Students eligible for education services with the District Itinerant Hospital/Homebound Teacher include those with medical conditions including injury, disease, surgery, pregnancy, or psychological disability. Instruction should be initiated as soon as the student's medical condition permits. Instruction may be face-to-face, through video conferencing or via the Internet.

A referral from the school in which the student is enrolled is required for this service. The referral is a one page form signed by the parent/guardian, principal and referring teacher.

Contact with the home will be made promptly once the referral has been received by Student Support Services.

The Hospital/Homebound Education Services referral remains active for the current school year and the student can receive services on an as needed basis throughout the year.

What You Can Do

To make hospital homebound instruction as productive as possible, the parent/guardian should:

- ✓ arrange with the homebound teacher a schedule of consistent times of instruction
 - ✓ choose an instructional space that is quiet, orderly and free of audio and visual distractions
 - ✓ keep the study area free of pets and other children
 - ✓ limit smoking to areas and times outside of instruction
 - ✓ have an approved, responsible adult in attendance during instructional time
 - ✓ make a separate appointment if a long parent/ teacher conference is needed
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Contact Information

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The Hospital/Homebound referral process begins with the student's school.

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