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## ***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.



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.

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## ***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 the student is able to maintain his/her educational program to the extent that the medical/psychological condition allows.



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## ***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. Regular collaboration and consultation between home, school and Hospital Homebound will be provided. Instruction may be in person, video conference or via other digital means.

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 Inclusive Education Support.

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## **What Caregivers 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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School District

## **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SUPPORT**

**HOSPITAL  
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