



Hospital School Services

At Seattle Children's Hospital

The hospital school is here to help hospitalized students keep up with their current school program and return successfully to their community school program

Yes, we have school services in the hospital! If your child or teen needs to be in the hospital for a while, we help to keep students from falling behind at their regular school. Services are covered through a contract with Washington state and provided by certified teachers at no cost to families.

Who is eligible?

- A student who is enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade and whose hospital stay is longer than one week
- A child from birth to five years of age who has identified developmental disabilities, or who is considered at risk for them
- A student from out of town who is living temporarily near the hospital while receiving treatment at a Children's clinic

How do I reach a hospital school teacher?

Parents, the student or anyone involved with the student's care can call the Hospital School Referral Line at 206-987-6534. From inside the hospital, dial ext. 7-6534. A teacher will set up an appointment to meet with the patient and family.

What services are provided?

In general, hospital school services are designed to help your student continue to move forward in the classes they are taking in their current regular school program. Hospital teachers use the student's textbooks and assignments as much as possible. The hospital teachers offer:

- One-on-one tutoring or small-group class instruction
- Assessments that may help to identify special learning needs
- Special education for a student who has an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Planning with a student, parents and the community school teachers to best support the student's return to school

The hospital school does not provide services for siblings of patients. However, we can assist families in finding a school in Seattle for their other children. One option is Hutch School, which offers a three-hour-per-day Family Member Program that is accredited through Seattle Public Schools.

To Learn More

- Education Department
206-987-6534
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.
- For Deaf and hard of hearing callers
206-987-2280 (TTY)

Where is the hospital school located?

Services are provided in several places, depending on your child's needs: the Hospital School, Room B5567 on the 5th floor of the Balloon zone, in certain rooms on the hospital floor or at bedside.

What happens after my child is discharged from the hospital?

When your child returns home, our staff will work closely with your community school to help ensure a smooth entry into classes. We can also help arrange for home tutors from your school district if your child is unable to attend classes due to medical reasons. Students who are continuing outpatient medical treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital can continue to receive services through the hospital's Education Department, or talk to us about other options for school services.