

Home and Hospital Teaching Program

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT

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Serving Learners, Families, and the Community

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Questions and Answers

Q. What is Home and Hospital Teaching?

- A. The Home and Hospital Teaching Program is designed to provide instructional services to students who are unable to attend school for a minimum of two weeks due to physical or emotional crisis. It is a short-term (60 calendar days), or intermittent instructional service mandated for program implementation and delivery. Preparing for the eventual return to school, the educational services provided enable students to continue their academic work and to remain current with their classmates. The Cecil County Public Schools Curriculum is followed.

Q. Who is eligible for Home and Hospital Teaching?

- A. Any student who is unable to attend school due to physical or emotional crisis is eligible for services. Referral forms can be obtained from the guidance department at the home school.

Q. What is the difference between Home and Hospital and Home Schooling?

- A. Home Schooling is a school program taught at home by the student's parent or guardian. The student on Home Schooling is not enrolled in a Cecil County Public School. Home and Hospital is a temporary service available to any county student who is unable to attend his/her public school due to physical or emotional crisis.

Q. If a student is hospitalized in Cecil County, how will the Cecil County Public School System provide for his or her education?

- A. If the student is hospitalized in Cecil County, education is provided by Cecil County Home and Hospital staff at the hospital and may follow him or her during recuperation. If the student is hospitalized outside the county, arrangements will be made by teaching staff from that area. Either way, the parent should inform the school and request a referral form when a hospitalization is eminent.

Q. Does a student have to be out of school two weeks before he/she is eligible?

- A. No. If a doctor or school anticipates that a student's absence may be for a period of several weeks, the referral process may begin.

Q. Will the student do the same school work as his/her classmates in the home school?

- A. If a student is receiving one-to-one instruction at home, the home teacher will contact the student's regular teachers for materials and instruction. Also, the home teacher will consult with the School Counselor about the student's classes to be taught at home.

Q. Who gives the Home and Hospital student a grade?

- A. Home and Hospital students receive a grade from their Home and Hospital teacher or from the regular home school teacher.

Q. Do students have to take final exams?

- A. Yes. Usually the exams will be taken at the student's home school, unless there are extenuating medical circumstances. It is the parents' responsibility to contact the home school to arrange for the student to take the final exams.

Q. What do students do about class work missed from the home school before placement in Home and Hospital Teaching?

- A. A student is responsible for completing the class work at his or her home school until he/she begins Home and Hospital instruction.

Q. If a student has a 504 Plan or an IEP (Individualized Education Program), will he or she still receive the support services from the home school?

- A. The 504 Plan Team or the IEP Team, with input from the parent, will decide how support services will be provided.

Q. How many hours per week will a student receive once he or she is on Home and Hospital Teaching?

- A. Usually six (6) hours per week of instruction is provided unless otherwise specified in the IEP.

Q. Where does Home and Hospital Teaching take place?

- A. Services may be provided in the home, hospital, or community setting such as libraries or therapeutic facilities. For home visits, a parent or guardian or designated supervising adult, 21 years of age or older, must be present during the entire visit.