

Hospital/Homebound Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is the School District #43, Coquitlam Hospital/Homebound Program?

Hospital/Homebound teachers provide instruction to students in Grades K – 12 who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. Hospital/Homebound teachers maintain a connection to students' home-school teacher(s) and work collaboratively with them and medical recommendations to determine curriculum pacing and implementation.

2) How can a referral be made?

Referrals are made by a student's home school principal in concert with parents. Reaching out to your child's school principal regarding your child's extended medical absence from school is the first step.

3) What are some "medical reasons" for which a student can be referred?

Some medical reasons include accidents/injury, surgery, infectious disease, cancer or other recurring medical treatments.

4) How long must a student be ill before they can be referred?

A student who expects to be away for three weeks or longer can be referred to Hospital/Homebound. Hospitalized students can qualify depending on circumstances and can be referred during hospitalization if extended absence is expected or known.

5) What happens after a referral is accepted?

A Hospital/Homebound teacher will be assigned and contact will be made by them to the home school. You will be contacted by the assigned Hospital/Homebound teacher.

6) Is a medical note required?

Yes, a medical note is required before or within a reasonable time of commencing the service. The note must indicate expected length of absence, medical reason and needs to be signed by a medical doctor.

7) Will my child work with a teacher?

Yes. Hospital/Homebound teachers work regular school hours. Virtual platforms are the main form of delivery. Any in-person visits will require a parent to be present.

8) What types of resources do Hospital/Homebound teachers have?

Hospital/Homebound teachers have access to most School District #43 resources. At times resources available to a school-based program/courses are unable to be replicated in the hospital/homebound environment. Alternate courses or programming will be substituted. Resources can be shared by classroom teachers and other school staff.

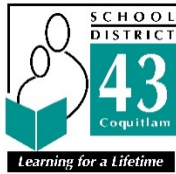
9) What if a student is in hospital?

Arrangements can be made for Hospital/Homebound teachers to visit local hospitals (Eagle Ridge/Royal Columbian Hospital) under specific circumstances involving longer-term stays. Students admitted at outlying hospitals for extended periods of time can find support from the school district where the hospital is located; for example, BC Children’s Hospital works alongside School District #39 (Vancouver).

10) How is my child’s progress monitored and assessed?

Assessment is reported formally by classroom teachers on school-issued report cards. Hospital/Homebound teacher assists the classroom teacher with making and formative assessment/feedback where necessary and appropriate.

<u>Classroom Teacher Responsibilities</u>	<u>Hospital/Homebound Responsibilities</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide assignments and materials in a timely manner.• Remain the student’s primary teacher and oversee their program.• Complete final assessment.• Liaise with Hospital/Homebound teacher regarding unique learning needs of student.• Keep regular contact with Hospital/Homebound teacher and be available for consultation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach the subject as per the classroom teacher’s requirements and within the presenting time constraints.• Ensure completed work is received by classroom teacher.• Administer quizzes, tests and exams.• Assist classroom teacher with marking and formative assessment/feedback where necessary and appropriate.• Support a student’s transition back to school.



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Eligibility

- Students currently registered in School District #43, Coquitlam (not APEX/COL) in Grades K-12.
- Students who expect to be absent more than 15 consecutive school days for MEDICAL reasons.
- A ***Hospital/Homebound Support Request Form*** must be completed and signed by parent and physician and submitted to school principal.
- **Hospital/Homebound is a temporary educational service and duration of service is dependent on medical situation.** Sometimes medical situations need to be reviewed and alternate programming considered (ie. online learning, alternate program placements). Duration of service depends on information provided and unique characteristics of the medical situation.

Location and Times

- Location is variable: Virtual platforms (main form of delivery), in home (if adult present), at public setting (ie. Library).
- During regular school hours.
- Appointments occur up to twice per week.

Referral Process

- Contact school principal for a ***Hospital/Homebound Support Request Form***
- See your physician to have the form completed and submit to school principal
- School will advise Principal District Learning Services, Hospital/Homebound Program
- Hospital/Homebound teacher will make contact with classroom teacher to set-up program and you will be contacted by the assigned Hospital/Homebound teacher.