



San Diego Unified School District

Fact Sheet

Home/Hospital Programs: Hospital Program

The San Diego Unified School District Home/Hospital Programs (Hospital Program) provides many educational services for students while they are confined to the hospital and under direct medical care. Special education students will be served within the guidelines of their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The goal of the Hospital Program is to provide educational services and supports in order to meet graduation requirements:

Referrals:

- Contact the Medically Homebound/Hospital Program (MH/HP) office at (858) 490-8452; or specific hospital teaching staff to initiate services:
 - Balboa Hospital (619) 532-6258
 - Children's Hospital (858) 576-1700 ext. 3872
- On a daily basis, the Hospital Program's teaching staff checks the hospital census at Balboa Hospital and Children's Hospital to identify students requiring educational service.
- If the student will be hospitalized for the duration of one week or longer, contact can be made to the MH/HP office or the specific hospital teaching staff.
- Special Education students will have their IEP reviewed upon program entry; other students may be referred for special education assessment if the student's status indicates this need.

Eligibility:

- A student is placed in residence at a designated hospital due to the student's medical condition or need for surgical intervention;
- Students in other hospitals are served if combined hospital and home recuperative period is at least 20 school days;
- Students in other hospitals are served by itinerant staff if estimated hospital confinement is at least 20 days;
- Students from other districts who are in San Diego hospitals are eligible for immediate instruction from Hospital Program teaching staff at designated hospitals;
- Criteria for extent of the hospital confinement is a function of the expected duration of the diagnosis, and prognosis/duration of illness; a
- The physical stamina of the student is considered when determining level of service.

Programs/Services:

- Credentialed teachers and paraeducator support at each designated hospital site for provision of educational services and support; and
- A classroom environment, with materials and equipment as appropriate at each designated hospital site.

Transition: Transitional educational services regarding re-entry to school sites or home may be emphasized.

SUMMARY

- ❖ The Home/Hospital Program office is located in the Clairemont area at the Special Education Administration Program Support Satellite, B-3, 4435 Ute Drive, San Diego, CA 92117.
- ❖ Approximately 30 students and their families are served.
- ❖ Staff includes certificated teachers and paraeducators who provide direct support to the student in the hospital setting.
- ❖ Hospital Program staff maintain communication with the student's teachers to ensure the appropriate provision of services in order to meet the student's educational needs.
- ❖ Hospital Program staff liaison with parents, student, and school site to ensure a successful transition to school or home once the student's medical condition permits and hospital discharge date has been determined.