

# Hospital Homebound Program

## What is the Hospital/Homebound program?

Surrey Hospital/Homebound teachers provide instruction to students of all grade levels who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The goal of the program is to have students return to their regular classroom with as little educational interruption as possible. Instruction is available at Surrey Memorial and Peace Arch Hospitals, or in the student's home.

## When is a student eligible for the program?

Students registered at a public school in Surrey may be referred to the Hospital/Homebound program when they are expected to be absent for five days or longer. They may be referred by the principal, teacher, counsellor, attendance secretary, parent, doctor or nurse. Some of the reasons for referral include: surgery, accidents, infections, diseases, intestinal problems, cancer, respiratory problems, pregnancies, emotional problems, psychological illnesses and immune deficiency problems.



Students hospitalized for either a short or long term can be referred upon entering the hospital.

## What work is assigned to the student?

The Hospital/Homebound teacher contacts the student's classroom teacher(s) to arrange for work to be assigned, then makes appointments to teach the student at the hospital or at home. In some cases the Hospital/Homebound teacher may, in consultation with the classroom teacher, modify the assignments to take in account the illness, injury or effects of the medication. Students then work at assignments that they would do if they were attending regular classes in school, using texts, worksheets, workbooks and exercises assigned by their classroom teachers.