

Hospital/Homebound Program

Frequently Asked Questions

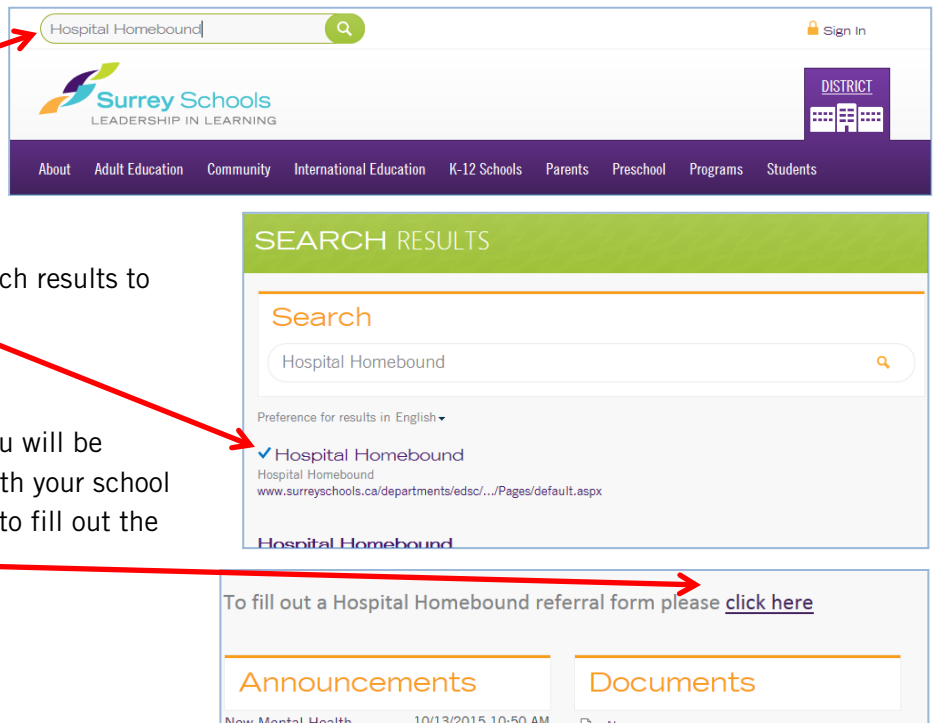
1) What is the Surrey Hospital Homebound Program?

This direct teaching program provides a learning situation for students in the Surrey public school system who are absent from school for **medical reasons**, so that they return to classes with as little educational interruption as possible. It is offered as part of the district service to elementary and secondary students with non-contagious illnesses, or any other medical reasons. Instruction is available at the student's home, at Surrey Memorial Hospital, at Peace Arch Hospital and at a public setting (eg. public library).

2) How can a Hospital Homebound referral be made?

A parent, social worker, nurse, or doctor may contact the student's school to ask that a referral be made. Surrey school district staff may refer students by completing an online referral form found on the Surrey Schools website:

1. In the *search box* (upper left hand corner) type in "hospital homebound" and then press return or click on the search icon.
2. Click on *the first item* in the search results to bring you to the H/H site:
3. Once you click on '*Click Here*' you will be prompted to sign into the Hub with your school district user name and password to fill out the referral.



The screenshot shows the Surrey Schools website with a search bar in the top left containing the text "Hospital Homebound". Below the search bar is the Surrey Schools logo and a navigation menu with links for About, Adult Education, Community, International Education, K-12 Schools, Parents, Preschool, Programs, and Students. The search results section is titled "SEARCH RESULTS" and shows a search bar with "Hospital Homebound" entered. Below the search bar, there is a link for "Hospital Homebound" with a checkmark icon. A red arrow points from the search bar in the first step to the search icon, and another red arrow points from the search results link to the "Click Here" link in the third step. Below the search results, there is a link that says "To fill out a Hospital Homebound referral form please [click here](#)". At the bottom of the screenshot, there are sections for "Announcements" and "Documents".

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

Medical reasons include accidents, surgery, mononucleosis, infections, diseases, cancer treatments, pregnancy, and mental health problems.

4) How long must a student be ill before he/she can be referred?

A Hospital Homebound student can be referred if the student is expected to be absent for five days or longer. Hospitalized students can be referred upon entering the hospital. Students with scheduled surgery may make arrangements for after-surgery Hospital Homebound support.

5) Is a medical note required **before** a student starts H/H service?

The HH Medical Form can be printed off the HH website. This medical form, or an equivalent medical note, must be provided within a reasonable time of commencing H/H service in all cases *except for mental health referrals*. For mental health referrals, the HH Medical Form must be completed by the attending physician *before* HH service commences. The form or note, signed by a medical doctor, should indicate the medical reason for absence, and also how long the student is expected to be unable to attend school.

6) What hours do Hospital Homebound teachers work?

Hospital Homebound teachers work regular school hours. They won't schedule appointments on weekends or school holidays. Their Professional Development days may differ from those of the school.

7) Do Hospital Homebound teachers visit a home where a student is alone?

A parent or other responsible adult is required to be present when the Hospital Homebound teacher visits. If this cannot be arranged, it may be possible to meet the student at a nearby public library or other public setting.

8) What happens after a student has been referred?

The Hospital Homebound teacher will contact the student's teacher(s) to arrange for assignments. Contact is made with the home to arrange appointments to visit the student.

9) How is homework picked up from school?

The Hospital Homebound teacher may pick up the work directly from each classroom teacher, or collect assignments that have been left at the school office. Sometimes a parent will pick up the work from school. The Hospital Homebound teacher may coordinate this with the school secretary, teachers, counsellor, or administrator.

10) How long does each Hospital Homebound appointment last?

Each appointment lasts about an hour. There are usually two appointments per week.

11) What does the student do?

The student will work on assignments that he/she would do if attending regular classes in school, using texts, worksheets, workbooks, exercises, etc. assigned by the classroom teacher(s). If it is necessary to modify course content, this would be done in consultation with the classroom teacher.

12) What types of resources do Hospital Homebound teachers have?

H/H teachers have access to any resources SD36 students would use at their own school. H/H students will receive resources from classroom teachers and other school staff. Public libraries, and the internet, are also excellent resources.

13) What if a student is in a hospital not located in Surrey or White Rock?

Arrangements may be made for the teacher attached to the Hospital (if available) or Hospital Homebound teachers from the school district where the hospital is located, to visit the student.

14) How do Hospital Homebound teachers report student progress?

Verbally/informally to student, parents, and teachers, or written reports to teachers.

15) When are Hospital Homebound teachers not permitted to go into a home?

- a) When a supervising adult can't be present and other arrangements can't be made.
- b) When there is communicable disease.
- c) When there are unsafe or unsanitary conditions.

16) Where is the Hospital Homebound Teachers' office located?

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