

HOME & HOSPITAL TEACHERS

DEFINITION

Home & Hospital Teaching Services teachers keep the student connected to their neighborhood school for "temporarily disabling conditions" during medical doctor-diagnosed times of physical or mental illness. The Home & Hospital Teacher travels to the student's home and serves as the conduit between the student, the student's family, and the teacher(s)-of-record at the neighborhood school during the term of temporary disability. During the time of illness, the student, through the Home & Hospital teacher, remains academically connected to the neighborhood school through the services of the Home & Hospital teacher during the time of temporary disability.

Home & Hospital teaching is a fluid assignment that can change rapidly as the conditions of the child change. Neighborhood school teachers (elementary, middle or high school) work with the Home & Hospital teacher and cooperate and assist with the goals of Home & Hospital teaching: (1) to return the student to school at the point they are well or able, and (2) to return them back into those classes that they left when they became ill. It is our constant obligation to remind ourselves that Home & Hospital teaching is "temporary" and the kids, with the collective help of the Home & Hospital teachers and the neighborhood school staff, will help these kids reintegrate again following their time away from school.

The relationship between the neighborhood school teacher(s)-of-record and the Home & Hospital Teacher is critical. They must work in concert with the Home & Hospital teacher to keep the student moving forward in his/her classes. The neighborhood school teacher(s)-of-record guide the Home & Hospital teacher's activities by providing whatever manner of materials are required for the student to complete their work. The neighborhood school teacher(s)-of-record provides such things as lesson planning scope and sequence, applicable textbooks, class activities that can be duplicated at home, project overviews, and quizzes or tests to be proctored by and returned by the Home & Hospital teacher to the teacher(s)-of-record for assessment and grading.

"Long-Term H&H Teaching" - At the point when Home & Hospital Teaching Services may become "long-term" [i.e. when a student is on Home & Hospital Teaching Service for greater than 50% of any grading period (such as a trimester or semester)], the neighborhood school's responsibilities are greatly reduced and the Home & Hospital teacher's responsibilities greatly increase. It is still, however, the responsibility of the school to maintain an avenue of communication with the original teacher(s)-of-record should the Home & Hospital teacher need additional curriculum or course content guidance or direction. When Home & Hospital Teaching Services become long-term, the Home & Hospital teacher becomes the "teacher-of-record" for the temporarily disabled student. In effect, the Home & Hospital teacher is now the student's teacher and is responsible for all manner of the student's instructional plan, scope, and sequence, lesson-planning, assessment and evaluation of the student's work and progress. The Home & Hospital teacher is responsible for assuring a smooth transition and return to the neighborhood school when the student's medical doctor authorizes the return. The Home & Hospital teacher completes the Home & Hospital Teacher Report (Secondary – Grades 7-12 or Elementary Grades – 1-6) and returns it to the Home & Hospital Teaching Services Office.