

Hospital Homebound Services (HHB) – Overview

Hospital/Homebound Teachers provide instruction for elementary, middle, and secondary students who are unable to attend school because of extended or chronic illness. In consultation with the classroom teacher, instruction is provided in regular subject areas at the student's home or at another pre-arranged location.

Students are referred to this program by their home school classroom teacher, LSS teacher or counsellor when they are expected to be absent from school for at least ten (10) school days. A doctor's certificate is required.

The hospital homebound teacher (HHT) assigned to the student contacts and visits the home usually within a week of the referral being placed. The HHT also contacts the teacher(s) or counselor(s) to arrange pickup of assignments. Instruction is then provided for a minimum of two (2) hours up to a maximum of seven and a half (7.5) hours per week. The HHT submits weekly reports to the program coordinator and the school to keep regular classroom teachers informed of the student's progress.

Students absent from school for more than three months who know that the illness will be prolonged are advised to register with Abbotsford Virtual School or Distance Learning. Exceptions may be made for students in Grades 12 who registered for Hospital/Homebound after February 28th. They will be eligible to continue on the program until the end of the school year, if unable to return to school, to ensure their graduation. Other exceptions are evaluated individually by the Director of Instruction for Learning Support Services.