

HOME INSTRUCTION

Background

Limited home instruction is provided for students who are expected to be absent from school for a minimum of three weeks due to illness, accident, and medical or emotional handicaps.

The following provincial resource programs provide educational support for a small number of students who require a hospital setting:

- Shaughnessy Hospital Adolescent Psychiatric Unit,
- B. C. Children's Hospital Psychiatric Educational Unit,
- G. F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre School,
- B. C. Children's Hospital School,
- Sunny Hill School,
- Canuck Place.

Procedures

1. Requesting a Home Instruction Teacher

1.1. When a child is expected to be absent from school for three weeks or more due to illness, accident, and medical or emotional handicaps, one of the procedures outlined below is to be followed to request a home instruction teacher.

1.1.1. Parents are to ask their family doctor to contact the School Program Co-ordinator, Vancouver/Richmond Health Board, 1060 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V6H 1C4, telephone (604)-736-2033. If the family doctor and the School Program Co-ordinator agree that the child will benefit from home instruction, the Co-ordinator will notify the District Learning Services Division, which in turn will arrange for a home instruction teacher.

1.1.2. A District employee may contact the District Learning Services Division.

1.1.3. The Administrator - District Learning Services may recommend home instruction.

1.2. Home instruction teachers will follow as closely as possible the student's school program as determined by the classroom teacher.

2. Placement in a Hospital Provincial Resource Program

2.1. Shaughnessy Hospital Adolescent Psychiatric Unit: for students, 13-19 years of age, who are in-patients in the psychiatric unit; admission is through referral by family physician or psychiatrist.

- 2.2. B. C. Children's Hospital Psychiatric Educational Unit: for students, 6-13 years of age, who are in-patients in the psychiatric unit.
- 2.3. G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre School: for secondary students who have recently transferred from hospital settings to the Rehabilitation Centre; admission is through referral by a medical doctor.
- 2.4. B. C. Children's Hospital School: for elementary and secondary students who are in-patients to Children's Hospital.
- 2.5. Sunny Hill School: for students under long-term care or who are admitted for respite care; admission is through direct screening referral to the Low Incident Support Team, District Learning Services Division.
- 2.6. Canuck Place: for elementary and secondary students and their families, students are admitted with progressive, life-threatening illness requiring respite and palliative care.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 8.4, 8.5, 20, 22, 23, 65, 74.1, 75, 75.1, 85 School Act
Collective Agreements

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