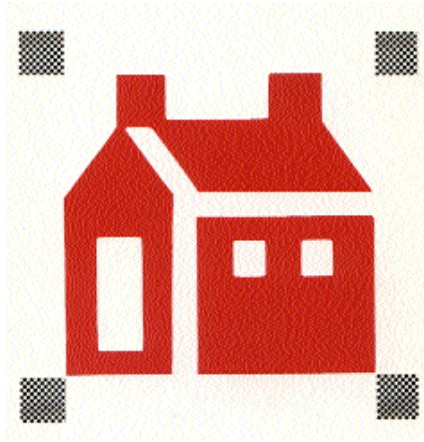# The NIH Children's School

The NIH Children's School was established in 1953 to instruct school-age patients of the Clinical Center. An accredited satellite of the Montgomery County Public School system, it is staffed through the school system's Home and Hospital Instruction Service. The school's goal is to maintain the continuity of education between the student's home school and the NIH chil - dren's school. The school is subsidized by the Federal government and is available free of charge to Clinical Center patients.

How may the school be reached?

Our telephone number is 301-496-2077. We can also be reached via fax and e-mail (please refer to the next page of this document). We are located in the Hatfield Clinical Research Center in room 1-5672.

Who may attend?

All school-age patients are urged to attend including those in regular educa-tion grades (kindergarten through grade 12) and those needing special educa-tion. General educational development (GED) candidates and speakers of English as a second language are instructed as well.

When is the school open?

The NIH Children's School is open for instruction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The school calendar corresponds to the Montgomery County Public Schools' schedule for the open-ing and closing of the school year and for Christmas and Easter breaks. All other holidays follow the Federal government calendar.

Are the same subjects studied at the NIH Children's School and the student's home school?

Every effort is made to keep students working in their own textbooks and at the same pace as their classmates at home. Students should bring textbooks and assignments from their home school when they come to the Clinical Center. If students arrive without these items, an NIH teacher will contact the home school and request the materials that will be needed during the hospital stay. When necessary, NIH teachers

develop an appropriate curriculum for the student using the NIH school's materials.

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How do students receive credit for school attendance while they are in the hospital?

Upon discharge, students are issued a statement of attendance or a progress report from the Montgomery County Public School system. While they attend the NIH school, students are not usually considered absent from their home schools. High school students will be able to receive credit towards graduation.

What if the student is unable to leave the hospital room to attend school?

Students are encouraged to attend school in the classroom whenever possible. However, if they are confined to their hospital rooms, students may receive daily individualized bedside instruction by the school's teachers.

How may a student enroll in the NIH Children's School?

A student may enroll in the NIH Children's school by making a request to the social worker, nurse, or physician. One of these staff members will submit a form that will initiate instruction within a day. The student or parents may also notify the NIH school directly by coming to the school or by phone, fax, and e-mail.

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We look forward to working with you.