

The NIH Children's School

Since 1953, the NIH Children's School has educated school-age patients of the Clinical Center. The school is subsidized by the Federal government and is available free of charge to Clinical Center patients.

The school is staffed by certified teachers from the Home and Hospital Instruction Office of the Montgomery County Public School System, who instruct students in grades kindergarten through 12.

Our goal is to maintain the continuity of education between the student's home school and the NIH Children's School.

How do I reach the school?

- ▶ Location: Hatfield Clinical Research Center, room 1-5672.
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Who may attend?

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

Patients staying at the Children's Inn may also attend school daily in the Clinical Center's classroom.

How do students enroll in the NIH Children's School?

Students enroll in the NIH Children's school by making a request to the social worker, nurse, or physician. One of these staff members will contact the school. The student or parents may also contact the NIH school directly by visiting the school or by phone, fax, or e-mail.

The school director asks patients about their educational needs shortly after admission.

When is the school open?

- ▶ Classroom hours: Weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Office hours: Weekdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The school calendar follows to the Montgomery County Public Schools' schedule for the opening and closing of the school year and for Christmas and Easter breaks.

All other holidays follow the Federal government calendar.

Does the NIH Children's School cover the same subjects as the student's home school?

Teachers make every effort 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 them, an NIH teacher will contact the home School to get materials needed during the hospital stay. When necessary, NIH teachers can make a curriculum for the student from NIH School resources.

How do students get credit for school attendance during their hospital stays?

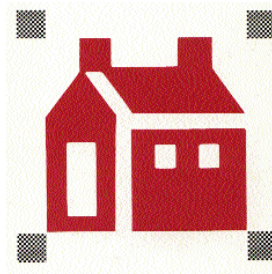
Students are not usually considered absent from their home schools while they attend the NIH Children's School, High school students will receive credit towards graduation.

Upon discharge, students receive a statement of attendance and a progress report to take back to their home schools.

What if the student cannot 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.

We look forward to working with you!



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