

IN-PATIENT TREATMENT SCHOOL POLICY

A student who is absent from school in the District because of hospitalization at a treatment center will be treated the same way as any student who requires hospitalization. Hospitalization automatically provides an extension of days absent for the student; credit will not be withheld on that basis. Dependent upon the length of treatment, the student will resume his previously scheduled classes when he returns to school. It follows that, if treatment extends into the second semester, the new schedule will be followed. If a student has received an "incomplete" during the time of treatment, extended time will be given in order for the student to make up the work. The time limit for make-up work should not exceed four weeks.

If the student had not maintained a passing average in a semester course prior to treatment, advice of the counselor should be sought to determine other alternatives. A "drop" may be necessary to free some time within the student's schedule to lessen pressure and/or for participation in the various support groups. It is advisable that year-long credit courses be maintained for possible credit.

Guidance counselors should alert the teachers of the returning student to provide good communication and a unified approach in dealing with make-up work. The Board hopes to give the student support and encouragement to continue his studies.

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