

A Parent's Guide to Summit Oaks School Program

Summit Oaks Hospital, through its partner EDUCATION, INC., provides academic support to students who are unable to attend school due to medical, emotional, or behavioral issues. We are dedicated to the delivery of an exceptional educational experience through constant innovation of our company, people, and systems. Our School Program bridges the gap for these students, their families, the health care professionals that treat them, and the school systems that are waiting to welcome the back.

EDUCATION, INC. was established in 1995. Today, EDUCATION, INC. has over 210 teachers working the traditional school year, and have delivered over a quarter of a million hours of teaching throughout the United States.

EDUCATION, INC. recruits qualified, caring teachers who, at Summit Oaks Hospital, work as part of your child's treatment team, ensuring therapeutic as well as academic progress. Our policy is to use certified teachers. All teachers go through a thorough 3-stage interview process, criminal background check, and reference checks before being considered for employment with our company. They follow curriculum supplied by your child's school or can develop individual plans for each student if needed.

If you have any questions about EDUCATION, Inc., you may contact Lois Pinta, Nurse Manager, Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Unit, at 908-522-7044 or at Lois.Pinta@psysolutions.com. You may also reach EDUCATION, INC. directly by dialing 866-318-8867, or visit their website at www.educationinc.us.



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Frequently Asked Questions About Our School Program

What education services are available for my child?

A: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires school systems to provide for the education of students who are unable to attend school due to medical, emotional, or behavioral issues. We contact the school for the current classroom curriculum so your child can stay up to date with his or her class. With the full cooperation of the school, Summit Oaks Hospital can ensure that students work on their own class assignments whenever possible. In cases where school assignments are unavailable, our qualified teachers develop a three-tiered curriculum with assignments suitable for students at all levels.

Is there a charge for this?

These services come at absolutely no cost to students' families. Your local school district pays for your child to receive instruction from Summit Oaks Hospital's qualified, caring teachers. This includes high quality teaching services in the hospital and upon home placement if approved.

What is involved in this process?

Our qualified teachers work onsite at Summit Oaks Hospital, after undergoing the required medical screenings and orientation procedures. Our EDUCATION, INC. Account Manager coordinates communication with all parties at your child's school and the hospital for constant evaluation of progress.

How does Summit Oaks Hospital ensure a smooth transition back to school for my child?

We will take care of your child's education in the hospital, which helps your child stay current with lessons and will ease the transition upon his or her return to school. If your child will not be returning to school upon discharge, please contact us. We may be able to provide assistance for the transition home or to another facility, by setting up tutoring services at home or at the new facility (subject to approval).

How do I obtain these services for my child?

Contact the appropriate hospital personnel (charge nurse, social worker, case manager, case worker, program director, or child life specialist). They will supply you with a Parental Consent Form to fill out. A Physician Statement will also be completed by hospital personnel. Once these completed forms are faxed back to us, we will contact the school immediately. If the referral is accepted and your child is determined eligible by the local school system, your child may be receiving education services within 24 hours of admission.



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