

Da Vinci Schools

Board Policy and Procedures

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN HOSPITAL OR HEALTH FACILITY

Da Vinci Schools is committed to supporting all students and understands that different needs may arise. Our goal is to collaborate with your facility to support students with exceptional needs and ensure continuity in their education while they receive medical care. The process below outlines Da Vinci Schools' process for ensuring educational access for students who are placed in a hospital or health facility under the provisions of Education Code Sections 56168 & 56167.

According to Education Code Section 56168:

- **(a) The educational responsibility for individuals with exceptional needs who are placed in a public hospital, state-licensed children's hospital, psychiatric hospital, proprietary hospital, or other health facility for medical or mental health purposes falls under the local educational agency (LEA) where the facility is located.** This determination is made through local written agreements, as outlined in Section 56195.7(e).
- **(b)** For reference, "health facility" is defined in Sections 1250, 1250.2, and 1250.3 of the Health and Safety Code.

In alignment with these legal provisions, Da Vinci Schools will work with [Hospital/Facility Name] and the designated LEA to ensure students receive appropriate educational services. The process for providing educational support includes the following steps:

1. **Notification & Coordination:** Upon a student's admission to a health facility, Da Vinci Schools will coordinate with the hospital or facility to determine the appropriate LEA responsible for providing educational services. This includes confirming whether the student is eligible for special education or Section 504 services and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws.
2. **IEP Review & Implementation:** If the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), we will work with the responsible LEA to ensure services are delivered in accordance with the student's educational needs.
3. **Instructional Services:** Educational support may be provided through the responsible LEA's designated hospital instruction program, either in-person or through virtual learning as appropriate.
4. **Communication & Monitoring:** We shall maintain communication with the facility's designated education liaison and the responsible LEA to monitor the student's progress and adjust services as needed.

5. **Transition Planning:** As the student prepares to be discharged from the facility, Da Vinci Schools, in collaboration with the student, the responsible LEA, medical providers, and the student's educational rights holder(s) *-if under 18*, will develop a transition plan that ensures a seamless return to the student's DV school setting. This may include reintegration support, continued accommodations, and follow-up assessments to address any academic or social-emotional needs.

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