

Welcome to MPB



Mt. Pleasant Blythedale UFSD is a K-12 public school district. It is the only public school district in New York State located on a hospital campus. Upon inpatient admission to Blythedale Children's Hospital, New York State residents, ages 5-21 are enrolled in school and will receive educational services either on the unit or in the school building.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why is my child enrolled in school?

New York State created MPB to ensure that all students are able to access educational services while they are patients at Blythedale Children's Hospital. As a resident of the state of New York, your child is automatically enrolled in MPB.

2. Why must my child have a Committee on Special Education Review?

New York State categorizes MPB as a special education program. In accordance with state and federal regulation, every school age patient at Blythedale Children's Hospital is considered a child with an educational disability.

3. What happens when my child returns to my home district?

You have the option of seeking special services in your local district by requesting a Committee on Special Education review.

4. What if my child is not medically ready to attend to school work?

Your child will be registered so that services can be made available. Instruction often begins with a short visit by the teacher followed when appropriate, by instruction coordinated with therapy goals. Once your child is cleared for school, he/she will have the opportunity to begin to attend classes in the building.

5. *Given my child's intensive therapy frequencies, how is there time to attend school?*

Therapy is considered primary and the faculty work with the therapists to coordinate goals, subject matter and materials.

6. *Should I arrange for my home district to provide material so my child can "keep up" with his/her coursework rather than attend MPB?*

MPB is a New York State public school. The curriculum is congruent with the Common Core Standards and students take all required NYS assessments, including Regents' examinations. MPB's school counselor works closely with the guidance department in your home district to design a program that will facilitate your child's transition back to the community school.

7. *I am not a resident of New York State, can my child attend school?*

Non NYS resident children can attend MPB when there is a contractual agreement signed with the home school district. Please see your social worker for further information.

8. *How can I find out more about the school program?*

Please call or visit:

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2. How long can my child remain at MPB?

From the time of admission to Blythedale's Day Hospital program, school staff will work with you, your social worker and your home school district to identify appropriate programs in the community and plan for your child's transition once his/her medical and therapy goals are achieved.

3. How is transportation arranged?

MPB's transportation coordinator works with your home district to arrange bussing.

4. What happens when my child is ready to return to my home district?

Your district will schedule a Committee on Special Education meeting to determine the appropriate program and services for your child

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