

A Better Option for Hospitalized and Homebound Students



Meeting the needs of students who are **homebound**, **hospitalized**, or **in treatment** is a real challenge for most schools and districts today. Whether suffering from life-threatening illnesses or temporarily sidelined by an injury, the last thing these struggling students need is the added blow of missing weeks or months of real academic care. Today's net-centric students need a solution that's more engaging and flexible than the "old school" visiting teacher approach. And you want a solution that's easier on your budget, especially in today's cost-cutting environment. That's why Connections Learning's homebound virtual learning service offers schools and districts a new paradigm in effectively, compassionately, and efficiently serving these struggling students.

"Most of my homebound students are not able to work during traditional school hours because of doctor appointments and other circumstances. Connections Learning allows my students to cover curriculum at a pace that is convenient for them and is still challenging and rewarding."

TJ McCray
Houston, TX

Compassionate

Our comprehensive hospital and homebound program is powered by state-of-the-art, 21st century technology that helps diagnose and address the instructional needs of students who have gaps in their school experience. And because we know that these students need an extra measure of flexibility to succeed, we personalize the curriculum to each student—to a level virtually impossible to achieve in a traditional school setting. Add to the mix full-time, expert teachers (yours, ours, or both) and 360° progress tracking for your students—wherever they are—and it's clear that our program represents a caring and new educational model for this vulnerable student population.

Competency-based Learning

Connections Learning's competency-based learning program develops a Personalized Learning Plan for each homebound student, incorporating input from teachers, administrators, counselors, and caregivers. Students work at the pace appropriate to their needs, mastering content in the core subject areas with intensive instructional support from licensed teachers. Regular communication between students, teachers, and caregivers (via email, telephone, or face-to-face) addresses challenges that may arise and ensures that students are making progress toward individual educational goals. The students' learning programs are continually adjusted and modified, so that pupils receive just the right amount of challenge to experience success. Whether your hospitalized or homebound students are enrolled for a few weeks or an entire school year, our competency-based approach guarantees each learner the most productive educational experience possible.

Cost-Effective

Serving your homebound students the old-fashioned way is both costly and academically ineffective. For less than you spend now on gas and fractional teacher time, you could be giving your homebound, hospitalized, and in-treatment students 24/7 access to 21st century online learning tools, customized curricula, and an unprecedented level of individualization. Students get the attention they deserve and the flexibility they need to be successful—and you get a boon to your budget.

Proven Effective

Only Connections Learning's hospital and homebound program offers online courses that have all been "**public school-tested.**" This year alone, we are delivering more than 300,000 courses to students in our national network of virtual public schools. Remember, our virtual public schools face the same accountability requirements as every other public school in America. So you can rest assured that all 600+ of our rigorous and engaging courses are aligned to state and Common Core standards. For details, check out our curriculum guide at www.connectionslearning.com.

Our online courses work, and we have the state standardized test scores to prove it. Connections Learning schools regularly meet or exceed state benchmarks in core subjects, and Connections Learning Advanced Placement® students outscore the national average on the AP® test. The Connections Learning program also gets top marks in user satisfaction: more than 96% of parents agree that our curriculum is high quality, and 92% say their students agree they are making good academic progress with Connections Learning.

Fully Accredited

Connections is accredited by AdvancED, and schools using our curriculum exclusively have also been accredited by Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, North Central Association, Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition, the majority of Connections Learning high school courses have been approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Top Curriculum and Teachers

Connections Learning offers a wide array of courses designed to meet the **diverse needs of students who are homebound, hospitalized, or in treatment.** Our exceptional curriculum and instructional tools integrate the essential elements necessary for quality online learning, including custom-built lesson plans that feature a rich scope and sequence, and cutting-edge interactive content and recorded LiveLesson® sessions. We also utilize "**best of breed**" curriculum elements from partners such as Discovery Education®, McGraw Hill, and Pearson/Prentice Hall®, and integrate them into our proprietary lesson plans.

Research shows that quality teachers equal student success. That's why Connections Learning's courses feature expert, actively involved teachers. Connections Learning teachers are **specially selected and trained** to work effectively with your students in a virtual environment. Connexus®, our all-in-one school management system, allows them to closely track each student's progress and make sophisticated, data-driven decisions. In addition, our teachers are backed up by our LiveTutor instructional support that will "unstick" your students at the click of a mouse.

Outside the US?

Educators around the globe can offer their students cutting-edge American online programs through a partnership with Connections Learning. Please call (888) 440-2890 or email solutions@connectionslearning.com for details.



Learn how Connections Learning can help you serve your hospitalized and homebound students!
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