

# History of the Learning Partnership at Stollery Children's Hospital School

The first agreement between the University of Alberta Hospital and Edmonton Public Schools occurred in 1971. Schooling for students began on September 1, 1971.

A review of programming needs at the Stollery Children's Hospital indicated that there was strong support from hospital staff for educational programs to be located in the hospital, including both bedside and classroom programs.

These services were created to:

- prevent students from falling behind in school while hospitalized
- keep life as normal as possible while in hospital
- provide meaningful educational activities for students in the hospital
- integrate learning and school activity as part of the patient's treatment and recovery

The Stollery Children's Hospital School Steering Group was formed in 2012. The group works toward implementation of goals that support learning as intricately related to child health, with the elements of shared responsibilities, interdisciplinary strategies and parent and student partnership as key ingredients.

The Steering Group is a partnership between Stollery Children's Hospital School Campus and Edmonton Public Schools (Alberta Education), and includes representation from various areas within the Stollery, as well as parents and students.