

## INPATIENT TREATMENT POLICY

A student who is absent from school because of hospitalization at a treatment center will be treated the same way as any student who requires hospitalization. Hospitalization automatically provides an extension of days absent for the student and credit will not be withheld on that basis. Dependent upon the length of treatment, the student when he returns to school will resume his previously scheduled classes. It would follow that if treatment extends into the second semester, the new schedule will be followed. If a student has received an "incomplete" during the time of treatment, extended time will be given in order for the student to make up the work. The time frame for make-up work will be established by the teacher and principal.

If the student had not maintained a passing average in a semester course prior to treatment, advice of the counselor should be sought to determine other alternatives. A drop may be necessary to free some time within the student's schedule to lessen pressure and/or for participation in the various groups. It is advisable that year long credit courses be maintained for possible credit.

Guidance counselors should alert the teachers of the returning student to provide good communication and a unified approach in dealing with make-up work. The intent of the principal's office is to best help the student who after treatment returns to our school and help him maintain his sobriety. In addition, we hope to give the student support and encouragement to continue in his studies.