



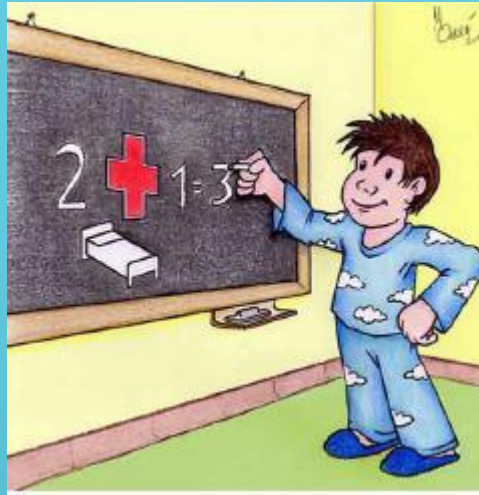
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The 'Liceo Scientifico B. Croce' is a secondary state school with students aged 14-18. It has had an annex school for hospitalized children at the ARNAS 'Civico - G. Di Cristina' since 2006. During these last years we have signed protocol agreements with other hospitals like ISMETT and Villa Sofia Cervello.

Our hospital secondary school has been the first one in Sicily until 2011 when another school opened in Catania, a city on the east coast of the island.





When the school opened there were teachers of the so called ‘common area subjects’ - subjects studied in all kinds of secondary schools: Italian, Maths , English and Science - who had a part time schedule at the pediatric hospital ‘G. Di Cristina’. After a couple of years, teachers were assigned full time to the hospital school and now there are eight of them (plus one part time teacher) working in four different hospitals in town with hospitalized students also coming from other cities and regions.



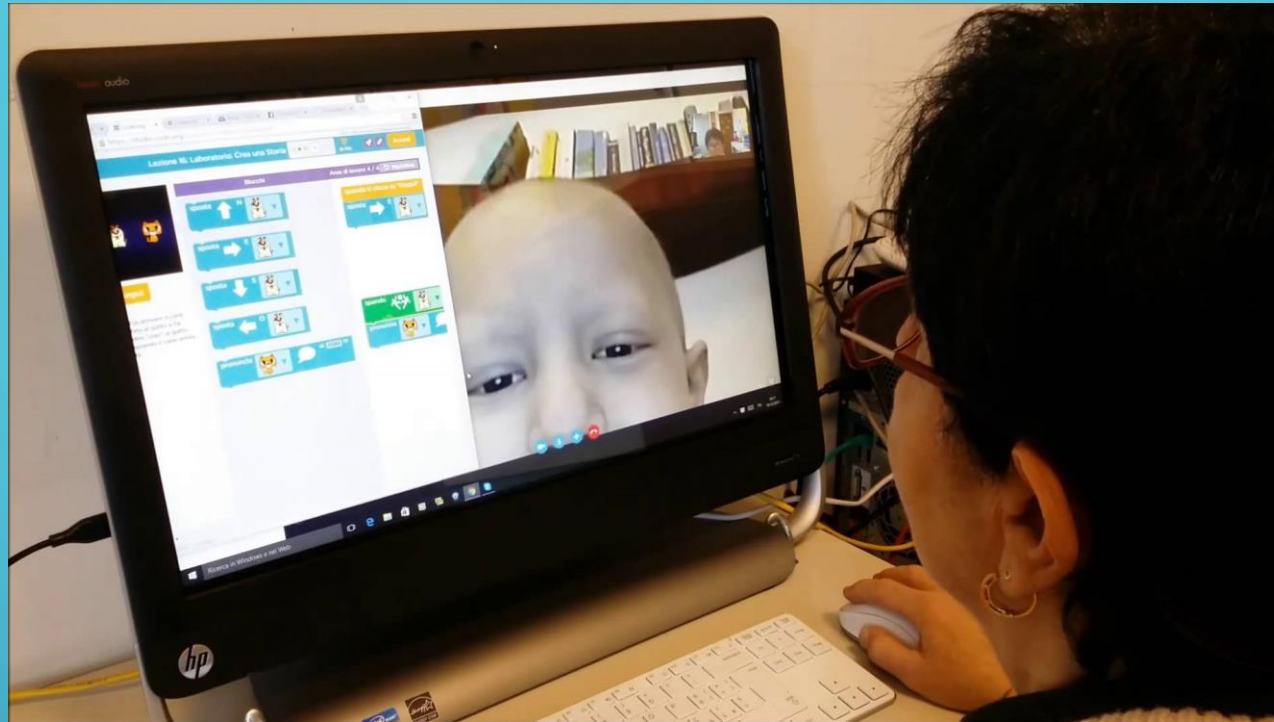
The students are in various wards and attend public or private schools - from the lyceum to the technical and vocational secondary school. The aim of the hospital school is to allow students who cannot attend their course of studies regularly because of health problems, to keep up with the curriculum and with their school-mates. This helps them feel easily reintegrated once they go back to their school and classes. In some cases where students attend more classes in the hospital school than in the school where they are regularly enrolled, the teachers of the hospital school take care of the final exams or of the mid-term or final evaluations



Students may have a short, medium or long hospital stay and once we register the student, we plan a personalized action according to their needs and health conditions. For long term hospitalized students, we normally get in touch with the school where they are enrolled; we plan our actions together with the student's teachers and follow their instructions in regards to the curricula and contents. We also have meetings with them at their school when required.



The hospital school has a room at the pediatric hospital G. Di Cristina, at the ARNAS Civico and Villa Sofia -Cervello. The lessons take place mainly in the wards and by the bed of the hospitalized student if they cannot leave their bed because of therapies or health problems. We have meetings with the medical staff and the hospital staff when problems arise or when we need the assistance of the psychologists to handle difficult situations. The school staff also take part in the meetings organized by the multidisciplinary group of the neuropsychiatric ward, where we plan extra curricular activities, sometimes together with the voluntary associations.



Teachers involved in the hospital school at times use technology for e-learning and video conference with those students under intensive care or with particular problems and to keep records of the students and of the activities.



In 2015 we became a Regional school complex coordinating all the hospital school sections in Sicily ( 13 all around our region)

In Palermo there are two schools, G. E. Nuccio and A. De Gasperi with teachers for kinderkarten, primary and secondary school (1 grade) working in the four main hospitals

