

Orthopedic Hospital School

Children's Orthopedic Hospital was founded on Queen Anne Hill in January 1907. In October 1912, the director approached the Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools to request a kindergarten to serve small children convalescing at the hospital. Soon the half-time teacher assigned there was promoted to full-time. In February 1913, the hospital requested the district take over direction of the program and pay the expenses for the teacher. The Orthopedic Hospital School opened in fall 1913 under the supervision of the principal of John Hay School.

The curriculum of Seattle Public Schools was applied as far as possible. Instruction was almost entirely one-on-one, although occasionally the teacher would teach small groups. During the day, the teacher frequently worked on three floors of the hospital, in up to three wards on each floor.

In spring 1924, the superintendent presented an 8th grade certificate to the first graduate of the school, a girl who had been a patient in the hospital for six years. On May 1, 1947, pupils from Hay delivered baskets of flowers to convalescing children who couldn't participate in a May-pole celebration.

In 1953, the school annex closed and the building became office space for several King County departments. In 1980, the property was sold for use as a retirement home.

Details:

Name: **Orthopedic Hospital School**

Location: 2107 Warren Avenue

1913: Opened as annex to John Hay

1953: Closed as school annex

1953-80: Building used by King County

1980: Property sold