

School Protocol for Use of Assistive Devices at School

Purpose:

- To ensure the safety and to provide adequate accommodations for all students requiring the use of assistive devices at school, such as casts, splints, canes, walkers, crutches, or wheelchairs.
- To ensure that students requiring assistive devices have been fully evaluated by a health care provider and that assistive devices have not been borrowed or loaned.
- To ensure that students have been trained by a medical professional in the proper use of assistive devices.

All students who arrive at school with an assistive device must have a note from a healthcare provider that includes the following:

- Reason for use
- Duration (length) of use (with dates)
- Ability to use stairs
- Any activity restrictions
- Any special instructions

A student with a long-term disability does not require additional documentation each school year unless there is a change in the use of their mobility device.

The school nurse will review the documentation and develop and implement a plan to accommodate the student during the school day, including field trips. The parent/ guardian must provide the crutches, wheelchair, cane, or walker.

Without proper documentation from a healthcare professional for the use of an assistive device at school, the student will be unable to participate in activities like recess, physical education, and sports.

All students must have written confirmation from a medical provider to resume normal activities.