

CRUTCHES OR OTHER MOBILITY ASSISTANCE DEVICE PROCEDURAL PROTOCOL

For any student needing to use crutches, wheelchairs, casts or other assistive devices a “PE-Recommendations Form” or equivalent medical note of clearance from a licensed health care provider is required to return to the school setting. This documentation will include: type of device prescribed and duration of need, along with anticipated length of time excused from P.E., recess, or other physical activities.

The following guidelines are provided to help insure the safety of all students and their classmates.

- Emergency protocol requires that the student be seated near a door or exit.
- The area around the student’s desk needs to be kept clutter-free.
- Crutches or other assistive devices should be placed near the student while he/she is seated, but not in an area that will create a hazard for others.
- Student will be allowed to elevate his/her leg on a chair as needed.
- Indoor/outdoor safety measures will be reviewed with classmates/peers.
- Student will be allowed to enter/exit the room either first or last to avoid accidental falls in a crowd.
- Student should be released a few minutes early during passing periods and for breaks and lunch.
- Student will be provided an elevator key if the student has classes on an upper level.
- Student will be provided an extra set of books as needed to reduce the load being carried.

The school nurse will be contacted for any of the following:

- When signs of swelling or unusual color in student’s toes or limb is observed.
- When a foul order is noted to be coming from a cast or wound.
- If student appears to be having difficulty with mobility.
- If student complains of pain, numbness or tingling, burning or stinging.
- If student appears to be unusually fatigued.
- If student is found to have fever and/or chills.