

## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT USE DURING SCHOOL TIME**

**INJURIES:** If your child is returning to school with an injury, obtain a provider's note for any absence. A provider's note will also help the school nurse to alert school staff members on how to best accommodate the student.

**CRUTCHES:** A provider's note is recommended for the student who will be needing crutches during the school day and/or on the bus. It should state the nature of the injury, any limitations or restrictions, dates the student is excused from PE or recess, and possible duration of use.

**CASTS, SLINGS, AND SPLINTS:** A provider's note is recommended. It should state the nature of the injury, any limitations or restrictions, dates the student is excused from PE or recess, and possible duration of use.

\*The use of medical equipment on school property by an untrained student poses a safety risk for both the student and other persons on school property, including fellow classmates and staff members. Thus, only a student trained in the use of the medical equipment, by a medical professional, crutches particularly, on stairs and downhill slopes should be using such devices.

We want to help accommodate all students to the best of our ability. Having updated information plays a big role in this.

We understand this may be an extra step for parents/guardians to take in making certain we all understand and communicate clearly. We appreciate your time and effort to help make sure this happens.

**Examples of medical equipment include, but are not limited to the following: crutches, wheelchairs, medical scooters, walkers, canes, casts, splints or traction devices.**

If you have questions or concerns please contact your student's school.

Respectfully,  
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