

PROCEDURE FOR TEMPORARY USE OF CRUTCHES AND/OR ORTHOPEDIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

Students requiring temporary use of crutches and/or orthopedic devices in school should report to the school nurse following injury and/or upon returning to school following a surgical procedure. A note from the prescribing doctor is required stating the following information:

- Diagnosis of reason student needs crutches or other device
- Statement of how long the student will need to use crutches or other device
- Confirmation that the student has been properly instructed in the use of crutches or other device
- Any restrictions from PE, recess, sports, etc.
- Statement of length of time student will not be participating in PE, recess, sports, etc. with a physician's request for the student to use
- Physician's signature and contact information

There is potential risk to a student or others if this equipment is not used properly or if steps are not taken to ensure safe use while on campus. The school will not be responsible for student injuries that occur without a physician's written statement on file. Wheelchairs in the clinic are for emergency use only. The schools do not provide assistive devices for daily use. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.