



### Crutches at School ~ Guidelines

Students who require the use of crutches and/or orthopedic devices should report to the school nurse following injury and/or upon returning to school following a surgical procedure. When the student reports to the nurse, the nurse will review with the student crutch usage within the school building. Safety will be stressed including stairs, hallways, school entrances, floors, seasonal issues, etc.

Accommodations (early classroom dismissal, assistance with books, assistance in the hallways between each class, premium classroom seating assignments) will be assessed to determine need for each student requiring crutches.

Additional accommodations (medications, icing, elevation orders, dress code alteration) may be implemented based on need and physician/parent permission.

### Crutches?

- \*physician request that student be allowed to use crutches at school
- \*physician diagnosis of reason student needs crutches
- \*physician statement of how long the student will need to use

crutches

\*note that training in the use of crutches was done

\*physician order to be excused from PE, recess, sports, etc.

\*physician statement of length of time student will not be participating in PE, recess, sports, etc.