

POLICY FOR USE OF CRUTCHES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board has determined that the use of crutches on school property by a student untrained in their use poses a safety risk for both the student and other persons on school property, including fellow classmates. Thus, only a student trained in the use of crutches, particularly on stairs, shall be permitted on school property.

Due to safety concerns, at the elementary level a downstairs classroom may be assigned to students with crutches.

Before a student on crutches shall enter upon school property, the Board requires a student to obtain from a physician, or other appropriate medical personnel, **documentation of the following:**

1. That the use of crutches has been authorized by the physician or other appropriate medical personnel.
2. The diagnosis and the duration of the authorized use of crutches.
3. That the student has received training in the use of crutches, particularly on stairs.
4. That, if necessary, the student requires the use of the school elevator (if available)
5. Anticipated length of time the student will be excused from gym/recess.

This document shall be kept in the office of the school nurse. Only students who have submitted such a document shall be permitted on school property. Individuals visiting a district school shall be exempt from the policy.