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A campus of Bensalem, Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Morrisville, Neshaminy & Pennsbury School Districts

ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE PROCEDURE (STUDENTS WEARING WALKING BOOT/CAST/SPLINT OR USING CANE/CRUTCHES/WHEELCHAIR)

The safety of all students in the educational setting is paramount. Students who temporarily require the use of walking boots, splints, casts, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. shall present documentation from the prescribing healthcare provider to the Nurse Office on the first day back to school post-injury or the first day back to school post-change in medical status.*

This documentation is to include:

1. The student's name
2. Diagnosis of injury/change in medical status
3. Estimated length of time in cast/immobilization device
4. Activity restrictions (including any physical education and/or classroom restrictions)
5. Weight-bearing status of any lower limb casts (full weight-bearing, partial weight-bearing, toe-touch, no weight-bearing).
6. Need for the assistive mobility device in school

Any student who requires the use of assistive devices (walking boots, splints, casts, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.) will provide his/her own device.

**** When the student no longer requires casting or use of the mobility devices, the student must provide the Nurse Office with a clearance note from the healthcare provider indicating that the child can resume normal activities.***

Role of the School Nurse

The School Nurse is to ensure that the student/parent has provided appropriate documentation from a healthcare provider.

The School Nurse will communicate information regarding the student's medical status to the student's teachers.

The School Nurse will review safety measures, including rules for using the crutches and/or wheelchair in school, with each student. Such rules include:

1. Student will demonstrate proper use of crutches or wheelchair.
2. Student shall not let others use the assistive device at any time.
3. Student shall not run or engage in sports while in a cast/immobilization device or while using crutches.
4. Student shall not attempt any “tricks” while in the wheelchair, such as wheelies.
5. Student will obtain an elevator key, if appropriate.
6. Student will know the evacuation plan and will be expected to follow this plan during any evacuations.

The School Nurse will notify teachers when the student is cleared by the healthcare provider to resume normal activities.