



# Liberty Union High School District

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## **USE OF CRUTCHES, CANES, WALKERS, WHEELCHAIRS, OR OTHER ASSISTIVE DEVICES IN SCHOOL FOLLOWING INJURY OR SURGICAL REPAIR**

In order to ensure the health and safety of all students, those who require the use of crutches, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other assistive device are to provide the required documentation upon returning to school following injury and/or after a surgical procedure.

1. Specific physician orders are needed from the medical provider regarding the use of a physical assistive device in school. The orders should include the following:
  - a request from the medical provider that the student be allowed to use crutches, a cane, walker, wheelchair, or other named assistive device at school
  - the diagnosis or reason the student needs to use the assistive device
  - how long the student will need to use the assistive device
  - detailed P.E., sports, and other activity limitations, including the length of time for these limitations
2. Students should be taught the proper use of their assistive device *before* returning to school.
3. If accommodations are needed (e.g. early classroom dismissal, assistance with books, assistance in the hallways between classes, preferential classroom seating, etc.), please reach out to your site administrator.
4. If your student will be taking medication at school, a medication authorization form is required. This applies to all prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, topical medication, vitamins, and herbal/alternative remedies. Authorization forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded from our nursing webpage at <https://ca01001129.schoolwires.net/Page/124>.
5. Copies of the physician's orders will be sent to the student's P.E. teacher, administrator, attendance office, and the athletic director, if applicable.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,  
LUHSD Health Services Department