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Standard Operating Procedures: Use of Crutches, Walkers, or Wheelchairs in School	
Overview	To ensure the health and safety of all students, those who require the use of crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs on campus for a temporary injury shall report such need to the school principal. The principal will then work in conjunction with the district nurse to meet the individual needs of the student.
Guiding Board Policies & Education Codes	BP 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions AR 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions
Procedures and Practices	<p>Students who require the use of temporary assistive devices such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs shall be permitted to attend school only with written permission from the physician or other appropriate medical personnel in charge of the case.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific orders are needed from the medical provider and must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A request from the medical provider that the student be allowed to use the crutches, walker, or wheelchair at school; b. The diagnosis or reason the student will need the mobility assistance equipment; c. A statement regarding how long the student will need the equipment; d. The anticipated length of time the student is to be excused from PE, recess or sports activities. 2. Students must have been taught proper use of the equipment particularly on stairs prior to returning to school. 3. Accommodations such as early classroom dismissal, assistance with books, assistance between classes, use of elevator or lifts, and classroom seating assignments will be assessed to determine need on an individual basis. 4. Additional accommodations such as medication, ice, and elevation orders may be implemented based on physician orders and parent permission. 5. All students must have written confirmation from a medical provider to resume normal activities. 6. Copies of the medical provider's notes will be sent to the student's teachers as appropriate.