




## **USE OF MEDICAL AND ORTHOPEDIC EQUIPMENT AT SCHOOL**

Students with medical or orthopedic needs often require permanent or temporary use of special equipment during the school day. Examples are: nebulizer machine for asthma, crutches for recent fractures or sprains, or airway oscillating devices (e.g., Flutter, Acapella) for cystic fibrosis.

It is the district's intent to accommodate students' health needs, including access to such equipment. However, as use of such equipment carries inherent risks, it is necessary to require a note prescribing its use in school, signed by the California-licensed health care provider who is managing the student's care. Healthcare providers should fax or mail these orders to school nurses, care of their patient's school, or send these orders with parents. The providers' name should be legible, and the note should be on letterhead (for telephone number, fax number, other contact information), and include the anticipated period of time that the equipment will be necessary. For this request to be complete, school nurse health staff must also receive a signed parent consent to release information (e.g., HIPAA), in order to reach prescribing doctors to clarify details or the intent, should that be necessary.



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