

GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Health Services

Guidelines on Using Crutches

Great Neck School District guidelines for the use of crutches while in school are as follows:

1. Specific orders are needed from your health care provider regarding the use of crutches.
2. Students may attend school using crutches but must have been taught proper crutch walking before returning to school.
3. School nurses do not teach crutch walking, but will observe the student to determine that they know how to safely navigate the hallways.
4. It is unsafe to use crutches on stairways. In buildings without an elevator or if an elevator cannot be accessed, students must “bump down the stairs on their buttocks” and go upstairs the same way.
5. Students who cannot do all of the above, will be sent home until such time as they are properly trained to perform these skills. If deemed necessary, home instruction will be arranged through the Department of Pupil Personnel.
6. For the safety of all of the students, the above practices will be followed by all of the Districts schools regardless of grade level.