

Kids Get Arthritis, Too!



SAMPLE 504 ACCOMMODATIONS

While every child with arthritis has different needs, here is a list of possible accommodations:

Absence and Tardiness

- Student is allowed to make up missed schoolwork or tests without penalty when medically necessary.
- Student will receive excused absences for missed school and tardiness when medically necessary.

Assignments and Homework

- Student is assigned a notetaker, when needed.
- Student is allowed to submit assignment late without penalty during flares or due to medical appointments.
- Student may submit oral answers to class and homework assignments.
- Homeroom teacher will contact a parent to pick up homework assignments when student is absent.
- Student is allowed to dictate homework to a parent, who will write or type assignment. (Parents will sign the assignment when it is dictated.)

Books and Materials

- Student is provided with two sets of books — one set for school and one set for home.
- Student is allowed to use built-up pencils and other ergonomic school supplies.
- Student is provided with photocopies of teacher notes that are written on the board.

Breaks

- Student is given breaks to move and stretch.
- Student is allowed a rest period during the day.

Electronic Devices

- Student is allowed to record lectures or dictate homework answers on an audio recorder as needed.
- Student is allowed to use a laptop in class as needed.

Field Trips

- Parent is allowed to accompany field trips to assist student with mobility needs.

Food and Beverage

- Student is allowed to keep a water bottle at desk throughout the day.
- Student is allowed to have snacks during the day if medication should be taken with food.

Medical Needs

- Student is allowed to leave class to take medications or to see the school nurse as needed. Student will be given a hall pass to keep at all times.
- Student is provided with a space near nurse's office that will be not used for "sick children." Student may use this space to rest, take medication, use hot or cold therapy, etc.
- Student is allowed to stay with nurse and return to classroom when able or call parents if unable to remain at school.
- Student may keep hand sanitizer on desk for ongoing use to reduce potential infections.

Moving Around Campus

- Student is allowed to come into homeroom when dropped off before school starts.
- Student is allowed extra time to move between classes (e.g. excused five minutes early and/or allowed to be five minutes late), as needed.
- Student is provided with an easily accessible locker.
- Student is allowed to stay inside during lunch/recess if needed.
- Student may use handicap accessible ramps as needed.
- Student is allowed to use the elevator as needed.

Peer Assistance

- Student is assigned a peer to assist with carrying books and other materials between classes.
- Student is assigned a peer to write homework assignments in agenda.
- Student is assigned a peer to assist at lunch (holding lunch tray, opening milk carton, etc.)
- Student is assigned a peer to assist with getting to and off school bus or to parent's car.
- Student is assigned a peer on field trips.
- Student is assigned a peer for safety drills.

Seating

- Student is allowed to sit in a chair instead of the floor for activities.
- Student is provided or allowed to bring cushions for chairs.
- Student is assigned to a seat that provides the greatest amount of legroom.
- Student is provided with a footstool if feet are unable to reach the floor.
- Student is allowed to have a portable heater at assigned seat.
- Student is assigned a seat at the back of the class or end of the row so he/she can stand as needed.

Testing

- Student is allotted extra time for a test taken on a single day, or allowed to take a test over several days as needed.
- Student is allowed to provide oral answers to a written test as needed.
- Student is given more frequent short quizzes instead of long tests as needed.
- Student is given more objective tests rather than written essays as needed.

Transportation

- Student is assigned an accessible seat on the school bus.

Writing

- Student is excused from copying from the board as needed.
- Student is allowed to submit an alternative to a written report (e.g., oral, audio recording, display) as needed.
- Student's handwriting is not evaluated as part of an assignment grade.
- Student is excused from cursive writing assignments as needed.

Physical Education Classes

- Student is excused from PE when medically necessary.
- Student is allowed to modify activity level or avoid certain activities when medically necessary.