



When Your Child with Disabilities and Special Health Needs Goes to School

Talk to your child's care team or IEP team about the following:
Has your child recently been in the hospital?
Has your child's care plan changed?
Have you talked to your school nurse?

Who is part of the child's care team:
♥Your child's doctor or primary provider
♥School Nurse
♥Principal
♥Teachers and school staff
♥Other providers and care-

Your child deserves appropriate care at school. Working with your child's care team can help your child stay healthy at school. It's important to plan ahead with your child's care team before your child goes to school or as soon as a change in your child's care plan occurs. Don't be afraid to ask questions or share ideas to get the help your child needs. **Your child's school nurse and care team are confidential and respectful advocates for you and your child. You can work with them to help your child succeed in school.**

Talk with your child's care team about:

- ✓ When your child will be ready to go back to school
- ✓ What supplies, equipment or adaptations your child may need at school, like crutches, an IV, a wheelchair or g-tube feedings
- ✓ If your child will miss school, have a hard time concentrating or have changes in his or her learning skills
- ✓ Your child's pain, discomfort, or energy level at school
- ✓ New behaviors or feelings your child might have, and the need for counseling
- ✓ Changes in your child's activities, like gym class, lunch, outdoor recess, where to sit in class and field trips
- ✓ Transportation for your child to and from school and talking with your child's bus driver
- ✓ Medicine and forms needed, and extra medicine bottles from the pharmacist for school
- ✓ An emergency plan and list of phone numbers for you, your child's care team and other contacts (If you don't have one you can download Emergency Info Form from www.fvnd.org)
- ✓ How your school nurse or school can help you, and what services they may provide
- ✓ Your child's care and treatment at school

Important Contacts

Here is a list of people you should contact when your child with special health care needs goes to school. Be sure to ask each person for his or her phone number.

Your School District Health Services: (check your phonebook or ask your school)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

Your child's primary health care provider:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

Your child's school nurse: (ask your school)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

Your child's teacher:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____



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This handout has been compiled to assist you in the school setting. Your child's care is unique, always talk with your health care provider regarding your child's needs