

Eight Steps to Success for Parents of Children with Chronic Illness

Step One:
Learn about the laws and programs that protect children with chronic illnesses right to equal access to education, including IDEA, Section 504, and HHB.

Step Three:
Organize and package the information you gathered so you can present it to the school and request educational services and accommodations.

Step Five:
Communicate openly and often with school personnel to build a strong working relationship.

Step Seven:
Create a plan with your child's teacher and the educational team to handle your child's absences and transitions back to school after a short- or long-term absence.



Step Two:
Gather information about how your child's chronic illness might impact his or her educational experience, including medical records, past report cards, record of absences.

Step Four:
Submit a formal letter requesting the school evaluate your child for education services under IDEA or Section 504.

Step Six:
Build your child's self-advocacy and coping skills to help manage his or her chronic illness in school.

Step Eight:
Record and review your child's progress, and work with the school to revise your child's educational accommodations, if needed.