Tucson Unified School District will provide appropriate educational opportunities for any student identified by a licensed medical doctor, podiatrist, chiropractor, osteopathic physician, naturopathic physician, physician’s assistant, or registered nurse practitioner as having a chronic health condition that will affect regular school attendance.

Students with a chronic health condition are students who are unable to attend regular classes for intermittent periods of one or more consecutive days because of illness, disease, pregnancy complications, or accident but who are not homebound. Students with a condition requiring long-term management or students with an infant with a severe health problem, certified by a licensed medical doctor, podiatrist, chiropractor, osteopathic physician, naturopathic physician, physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner also qualify for chronic health status.

Instructional Provisions

- The student’s teacher will ensure that school work and homework is available so that the student is given the opportunity for continued learning and to keep up with assignments while absent. Credit will be given for completed course requirements.
- If the doctors have identified limitations for physical activity requirements, teachers shall provide flexibility and adaptation so the student may participate in the regular physical education program to the extent that their health permits. Staff members responsible for physical education activities programs shall develop and implement such guidelines.
- Student absences will not be penalized if due to a certified chronic health condition.

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LEGAL REF: A.R.S. 15-346, 15-843
CROSS REF: IKE – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students
JE Student Attendance
IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems
IHBF – Homebound Instruction
JR – Student Records