



PARENT WORKING GROUP

JIA Accommodations

WHAT IS THE TOOLKIT?

The Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Accommodations toolkit was created by the PR-COIN Parent Working Group to be a resource for JIA families in the US looking for academic, workplace, and public accommodations available to those diagnosed with JIA. This toolkit is available at <https://bit.ly/JIAaccommodations.pdf>.

Students with JIA may qualify for testing accommodations for their college boards. In college, they are eligible for academic, housing, and dining accommodations. Download the full JIA Accommodations toolkit or the [JIA & College](#) toolkit created by the Patient Advocacy Team for more information.



WHAT IS THE ADA?

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities in employment, public services, public accommodations and services operated by private entities, telecommunications, and miscellaneous provisions.



Children in kindergarten through grade 12 who are attending public school and have been diagnosed with JIA are eligible for a 504 Plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Accommodations exist to make aspects of your life accessible and less stressful. You should not feel guilty using accommodations, especially if it means you will be better able to manage your illness and take care of yourself. You should never have to sacrifice your health or well-being to succeed academically or in the workforce. Accommodations can help ensure you are adequately supported so you can improve your quality of life!



The ADA covers individuals with JIA in the workforce. Examples of reasonable work place accommodations include modified work space or equipment, work from home, sun protective clothing, time off/medical leave, flexible schedules, and closer parking.

504 PLAN ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- excused absences for medical causes
- scribe or notetaking services
- elevator access
- exemption from or modified PhysEd
- access to two sets of books
- breaks to move and stretch or rest
- access to health center
- stop-the-clock testing
- access to chair/stool during circle time
- participation in extracurricular activities despite classroom absences



Private schools are not required to offer 504 Plans. However, you may still be able to get accommodations. Download the full JIA Accommodations toolkit using the QR code to the right for more information.



PLEASE SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE FULL TOOLKIT

