



# Living with OI: Resources for Schools

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The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc. is the only voluntary national health organization dedicated to helping people cope with the problems associated with osteogenesis imperfecta. The Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for people affected by OI through research to find treatments and a cure, education, awareness, and mutual support.

Students who have OI may be severely, moderately or mildly affected. Some children need only minor adjustments to the school environment, while others need more adaptations. It is important for school personnel to know that there is nothing about OI that affects the child's ability to think and learn. The following resources may be useful to the school staff and parents as they plan for a student who has OI.

## **Education DVD – Two videos plus educator and student guides**

### **Part I – Plan for Success: An Educator's Guide to Students with OI**

This 15-minute video presents examples of how children with OI can fully participate in all school activities during elementary, middle and high school. The video comes with a booklet that presents detailed information on education laws, adapted physical education, mobility accommodations, overcoming architectural barriers, what to do when a fracture occurs at school, and how educators can help a student's peers understand OI.

### **Part II – Going Places**

This video follows Blair Smith, a ninth-grade student with OI, through a day of classes, extracurricular activities, shopping at the mall, and spending time with her family. Blair discusses the impact OI has on her life, accommodations in school, friendships, plans for an independent future, and some of the ways OI affects her daily routine. The 15-minute segment is suitable for pre-teens and teens, whether they have OI or have a friend or classmate who has OI. Ten copies of a discussion guide to this portion of the DVD are included. The guide offers talking points and questions to stimulate group discussion in a classroom or youth group.

Price: \$7.50 plus shipping

### **Plan for Success**

A companion booklet to the Education DVD, this booklet provides detailed information about integrating a child who has OI into the classroom. Contact information for Parent Training and Information Centers ([www.taalliance.org](http://www.taalliance.org)) is included. These centers provide information for parents and education professionals who work with children who have physical and/or mental challenges.

Price: Free (1-5 copies)

### **Jason's First Day (Children's book and Educator's Guide)**

This picture book tells the story of the first day of school for a child who has OI. It is designed to be read to preschool, kindergarten and first grade children. The book includes a teacher's guide and resources for educators to make the transition to school easier for children with OI or other mobility impairing conditions.

Price \$8.50 plus shipping

### **OI: A Guide for Nurses**

This 64-page book is a comprehensive guide to understanding OI. It offers information about diagnosis, family education, standard treatments, medical procedures and care for people with OI of all ages. It offers the school nurse practical insight into the needs of students with OI.

Price: Free

To place an order, visit the OI Foundation website store at [www.oif.org](http://www.oif.org) or contact the OI Foundation by telephone (301-947-0083), or e-mail ([bonelink@oif.org](mailto:bonelink@oif.org)).

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