

Head Injury Procedure

Any student who sustains a head injury during the school day or athletics with loss of consciousness is evacuated for evaluation at a local Emergency Department, and the parent is immediately notified. For any head injury that occurs during the school day, the student is assessed in the health office and the parent/guardian is notified of injury and assessment results. If a student sustains a head injury during an athletic activity, the player is referred to the athletic trainer for evaluation and there is no return to play that day if concussion is suspected. If likelihood of traumatic brain injury is assessed by either the School Nurse or the Athletic Trainer, the student is dismissed with a parent/guardian for physician follow up, and the parent/guardian is provided with concussion education materials including a graduated plan for return to academic and athletic activities. The plan is monitored by the student's guidance counselor, school nurse, parent/guardian, members of the building-based student support and assistance team or individualized education program, team and in consultation with the physician who is managing the student's recovery as required. Medical documentation of the diagnosis is required for academic accommodations to be implemented. Once a student is symptom free with full cognitive activity, he/she will be assessed by the Certified Athletic Trainer or School Nurse to begin a gradual return to physical activity progression, and then cleared by the Athletic Trainer or a consulting provider. Documented clearance by the Certified Athletic Trainer or consulting physician, nurse practitioner or neuropsychologist is required before full return to physical activity may be permitted.