

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL OVERVIEW

1. We are committed to the health and well being of our student athletes.
2. Staff will promote an environment in which reporting symptoms of a concussion is considered acceptable.
3. Our Physical Education Teachers, Coaches, Nurses and the Athletic Director will receive approved/required training in recognizing the signs/symptoms and behaviors consistent with concussion injuries.
4. All students receiving such an injury will be removed from play with no return to play that day.
5. The parents of all students with suspected head injury/concussion will be advised of the injury and evaluation/monitoring will be recommended unless student is deemed in distress then emergency transport will be called.
6. The evaluating physician may choose to allow:
 - a. Return to play/gym
 - b. Initiate return to play per zurich progressive exertion protocol
 - c. Continue evaluation and treatment of student athlete until cleared
7. If concussion/suspected concussion is diagnosed, Dr. Carl Sgambati, the students own primary care physician or neurologist must clear all students to return to play.
8. Concussion management team (Medical Director, Athletic Director, School Nurse, student's Coach and student's Guidance Counselor) will follow student progress from injury thru return to play with final disposition after 14 days of return to play.
9. File may be reactivated at any time due to questions or concerns regarding student athlete's status.
10. Once per year an in-service for all staff will be given.
11. All members of the Concussion Management Team (CMT) will be available on an on going basis for consultation or clarification.
12. All protocols/guidelines/care plans will be in accordance with guidelines approved by NYSED, NYSPHAA, CDC. Guidelines may be reviewed at their respective web sites, see attached resource page.