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BVSD Protocol for Students with Concussions

1. If the student comes to school stating or providing documentation of a concussion, inform the School Nurse Consultant. The School Nurse Consultant will confer with the family regarding the medical diagnosis and the current impact of the injury.
  - a. Provide parents a copy of the Return to School After Concussion Form (attached) for their Health Care Provider to complete. Health Care Providers include: a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Physician Assistant, or Licensed Doctor of Psychology with training in Neuropsychology or concussion evaluation and management.
  - b. If the student is complaining of or demonstrating a substantial limitation of one of more major life activities, the 504 Coordinator is notified and will confer with the family to discuss putting the student on a 504 Plan. (Academic accommodations may be provided on a temporary basis without a formal 504 Plan. Accommodations lasting longer than 3 weeks in duration should result in a formal 504 Plan.)
  - c. If the Health Care Provider recommends accommodations or adaptations to the academic environment, notify the 504 Coordinator and the School Nurse Consultant to begin the 504 process.
  - d. If a 504 Plan is implemented, the 504 team should review the student's medical condition and academic performance periodically to update the 504 Plan as the student's condition changes.
  - e. Even if a 504 Plan is not created, make sure that ALL appropriate staff know about and implement the necessary precautions provided by the health care provider.
  - f. It is reasonable to request medical documentation if a student is to be restricted from PE, recess and/or classroom activities for an extended period.
2. If the student receives a face or head injury while attending school or participating in a school sponsored activity, follow the Emergency Care Guidelines located in the school Health Room or on the ERT bag. The ERT or Health Room Paraeducator is to follow the Head Injury Protocols and Notifications found in the Gold Book located in the Health Room and online at BVSD.org Health Services section.
  - a. Follow steps a-f above.
  - b. If the student was injured during an organized sports activity, or participates in BVSD sports, follow the BVSD Concussion Protocol and Graduated Return to Play found online at BVSD.org Athletics and Activities section.