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Sports Registration:

- All students interested in trying out for a team must complete the required registration forms and submit the documents to the coach before the season begins.
- All student physicals and health history updates should be submitted to the school nurse.
 - No child can participate without the completed paperwork on file.
- All physicals expire 12 months after the date of the health examination. No child will be allowed to play or try out with an expired physical. Any physical exam performed on 2/1/21 or later must be submitted on the required NYS health examination form (new 2020 version). The new physical examination form is also included in the registration packet.
- Students will need to provide a health history form completed and signed by the parent/guardian within 30 days of the start of the season. The health history form is also part of the registration packet.
- No-Cost Sports Physicals will be available at the nurse's office on the following dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact the school nurse for details.
 - High School: 11/9/21, 3/8/22, and 6/8/22
 - Middle School: 8/31/21, 10/26/21, 1/11/22, and 3/22/22

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Oceanside Middle School Athletic Agreement

It is expected that any student athlete serve as a positive example of Oceanside Middle School. If any student athlete of an interscholastic team does not live up to his/her responsibilities on and off the field, the student athlete will be subject to disciplinary action by the administration.

It is understood that participation in interscholastic athletics at Oceanside Middle School is a commitment and privilege. If a candidate makes the team, he/she accepts the added responsibilities of representing that team as a member in good standing both in school and around the Oceanside community. All players must realize the importance of attending all classes so that they remain in good academic standing.

Any student athlete using alcohol or any controlled substance subjects himself/herself to disciplinary action by the coach and/or the school. As stated in the eligibility policy (available on [http:// www.oceansideschools.org/athletics/index.htm](http://www.oceansideschools.org/athletics/index.htm) under policies and regulations) if a player is suspended from school, he/she will also be suspended from the team. The length of suspension will be determined by the policy. If a player is unable to handle these responsibilities the privilege of participating in any sport at Oceanside Middle School may be suspended.

Each team member must accept responsibility of attending all practices and games, and must also be responsible for the care and return of any equipment and/or uniforms supplied by the school. Lost or unreturned equipment must be paid for or replaced.

School insurance for the medical treatment of sports related injuries is applicable only after the parent's health insurance, if any, has been used. The insurance coverage provided by the school district is limited and may not cover the full cost of treatment. The cost of providing unlimited medical coverage by the school district is so costly that it would be impractical to continue school sponsored interscholastic sports.

I understand and accept this agreement.

Student Athlete's Signature

Sport _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature

Date

Allison B. Rogers

Mrs. Allison Glickman Rogers
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HEALTH HISTORY UPDATE

In addition to having a medical exam (on file with the school nurse) dated less than one year from the start date for this sport season all student-athletes must provide the coach of their team with updated medical information prior to participation.

Since the date of your child's last physical exam have he/she experienced any of the following:

- Feelings of faintness or dizziness during/after exertion or exercise? Y/N
- Chest or abdominal pain during/after exertion or exercise? Y/N
- Shortness of breath during/after exertion or exercise? Y/N
- Treatment by a hospital or emergency room? Y/N
- Fractures, Sprains, Dislocations, or other serious injury? Y/N
- Any illness lasting more than 5 days? Y/N
- Are you currently taking any medications or under a physician's care? Y/N
- Change in prescription for glasses/contact lenses? Y/N
- Developed any allergic conditions? Y/N

If you answered yes above, or have any other medical concerns not listed above that may be of importance, please explain in the space provided below:

Notice Regarding Uniforms/Equipments

Student athletes are responsible for all items issued for their use in practice or competition. Failure to return such items upon request will result in the student being charged for full replacement cost of the item(s). Failure to compensate the department in a timely fashion can result in disciplinary action.

Parent Permission

(Completion of both sides is required)

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Sport _____ OMS JV VARSITY Level (circle one)

Parent/Guardian Names (s) _____

Street Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I am aware of my child's wish to participate in the interscholastic Athletic Program and of the risks inherent as a result of participation. Participation in Athletics is voluntary. Neither the school nor the district assumes any financial responsibility in case of accident incidental to participation in Athletics. I have read the Athletic Agreement/Eligibility Policy. I understand that if my child's conduct does not meet the standards set forth in that document he/she may be suspended or removed from the athletic program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

EMERGENCY LOCATOR INFORMATION

If unable to contact parents by phone numbers provided above in the case of emergency, please call the following (list in preferred order):

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship to Student _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship to Student _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship to Student _____

(over)

REQUIRED NYS SCHOOL HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR SCHOOL MEDICAL DIRECTOR
IF AN AREA IS NOT ASSESSED INDICATE NOT DONE

Note: NYSED requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11; annually for interscholastic sports; and working papers as needed; or as required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special education (CPSE).

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	DOB:
School:	Grade:	Exam Date:

HEALTH HISTORY

Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Anaphylaxis Care Plan Attached
Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma Care Plan Attached
Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached	Date of last seizure: <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Care Plan Attached
Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Medical Mgmt. Plan Attached

Risk Factors for Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes: Consider screening for T2DM if BMI% > 85% and has 2 or more risk factors: Family Hx T2DM, Ethnicity, Sx Insulin Resistance, Gestational Hx of Mother, and/or pre-diabetes.

BMI _____ kg/m²

Percentile (Weight Status Category): <5th 5th-49th 50th-84th 85th-94th 95th-98th 99th and >

Hyperlipidemia: No Yes Not Done **Hypertension:** No Yes Not Done

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT

Height:	Weight:	BP:	Pulse:	Respirations:
Laboratory Testing	Positive	Negative	Date	List Other Pertinent Medical Concerns (e.g. concussion, mental health, one functioning organ)
TB- PRN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sickle Cell Screen-PRN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lead Level Required Grades Pre- K & K			Date	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test Done <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Elevated ≥ 5 µg/dL				
<input type="checkbox"/> System Review and Abnormal Findings Listed Below				
<input type="checkbox"/> HEENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Lymph nodes	<input type="checkbox"/> Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremities	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular	<input type="checkbox"/> Back/Spine	<input type="checkbox"/> Skin	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Emotional
<input type="checkbox"/> Neck	<input type="checkbox"/> Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/> Genitourinary	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal

<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment/Abnormalities Noted/Recommendations:	Diagnoses/Problems (list) ICD-10 Code*
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Additional Information Attached

*Required only for students with an IEP receiving Medicaid

Name:			DOB:	
SCREENINGS				
Vision (w/correction if prescribed)	Right	Left	Referral	Not Done
Distance Acuity	20/	20/	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near Vision Acuity	20/	20/		<input type="checkbox"/>
Color Perception Screening	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes				
Hearing Passing indicates student can hear 20dB at all frequencies: 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 Hz; for grades 7 & 11 also test at 6000 & 8000 Hz.				Not Done
Pure Tone Screening	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Left <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes				
Scoliosis Screen Boys in grade 9, and Girls in grades 5 & 7	Negative	Positive	Referral	Not Done
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS/PLAYGROUND/WORK				
<input type="checkbox"/> Student may participate in all activities without restrictions. <input type="checkbox"/> Student is restricted from participation in: <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Sports: Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Diving, Downhill Skiing, Field Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Wrestling. <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Contact Sports: Baseball, Fencing, Softball, and Volleyball. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Contact Sports: Archery, Badminton, Bowling, Cross-Country, Golf, Riflery, Swimming, Tennis, and Track & Field. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Restrictions:				
Developmental Stage for Athletic Placement Process <u>ONLY</u> required for students in Grades 7 & 8 who wish to play at the high school interscholastic sports level OR Grades 9-12 who wish to play at the modified interscholastic sports level. Tanner Stage: <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V Age of First Menses (if applicable) : _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Accommodations*: (e.g. Brace, orthotics, insulin pump, prosthetic, sports goggle, etc.) Use additional space below to explain. *Check with athletic governing body if prior approval/form completion required for use of device at athletic competitions.				
MEDICATIONS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Order Form for Medication(s) Needed at School Attached				
IMMUNIZATIONS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Record Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Reported in NYSIIS				
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER				
Medical Provider Signature:				
Provider Name: <i>(please print)</i>				
Provider Address:				
Phone:		Fax:		
Please Return This Form To Your Child's School When Completed.				

Sample Recommended NYSED Interval Health History for Athletics—Two Page Form
Both pages must be completed.

Student Name:	DOB:
School Name:	Age:
Grade (check): <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	Level (check): <input type="checkbox"/> Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> JV <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity
Sport:	Limitations: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of last health exam:	Date form completed:

Health History to Be Completed by Parent/Guardian, Provide Details to Any Yes Answers on Back.
Medicines needed at practice and/or athletic event require the proper paperwork, contact school with questions.

Has/Does your child:		
General Health Concerns	No	Yes
1. Ever been restricted by a health care provider from sports participation for any reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have an ongoing medical condition? <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell trait or disease <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
3. Ever had surgery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Ever spent the night in a hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Been diagnosed with Mononucleosis within the last month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have only one functioning kidney?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Have a bleeding disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Have any problems with his/her hearing or wears hearing aid(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Have any problems with his/her vision or has vision in only one eye?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Wear glasses or contacts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allergies	No	Yes
11. Have a life-threatening allergy? Check any that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Bite <input type="checkbox"/> Latex <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Pollen <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
12. Carry an epinephrine auto-injector?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Breathing (Respiratory) Health	No	Yes
13. Ever complained of getting more tired or short of breath than his/her friends during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Wheeze or cough frequently during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Ever been told by a health care provider they have asthma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Use or carry an inhaler or nebulizer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Has/Does your child:		
Concussion/ Head Injury History	No	Yes
17. Ever had a hit to the head that caused headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, or been told he/she had a concussion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Ever had a head injury or concussion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Ever had headaches with exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Ever had any unexplained seizures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Currently receive treatment for a seizure disorder or epilepsy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Devices/Accommodations	No	Yes
22. Use a brace, orthotic, or other device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Have any special devices or prostheses (insulin pump, glucose sensor, ostomy bag, etc.)? If yes, there may be need for another required form to be filled out.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family History	No	Yes
25. Have any relative who's been diagnosed with a heart condition, such as a murmur, developed hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan Syndrome, Brugada Syndrome, right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT or short QT syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Females Only	No	Yes
26. Begun having her period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Age periods began:		
28. Have regular periods?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Date of last menstrual period:		
Males Only	No	Yes
30. Have only one testicle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Have groin pain or a bulge or hernia in the groin?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sample Recommended NYSED Interval Health History for Athletics – Page 2

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

DOB: _____

Has/Does your child:		
Heart Health	No	Yes
32. Ever passed out during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Ever complained of light headedness or dizziness during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Ever complained of chest pain, tightness or pressure during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Ever complained of fluttering in their chest, skipped beats, or their heart racing, or does he/she have a pacemaker?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Ever had a test by a health care provider for his/her heart (e.g. EKG, echocardiogram stress test)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Ever been told they have a heart condition or problem by a health care provider? If so, check all that apply:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart infection <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Murmur <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Low Blood Pressure <input type="checkbox"/> High Cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> Kawasaki Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Injury History	No	Yes
38. Ever been diagnosed with a stress fracture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Has/Does your child:		
Injury History continued	No	Yes
39. Ever been unable to move his/her arms and legs, or had tingling, numbness, or weakness after being hit or falling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40. Ever had an injury, pain, or swelling of joint that caused him/her to miss practice or a game?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
41. Have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers him/her?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42. Have joints become painful, swollen, warm, or red with use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skin Health	No	Yes
43. Currently have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44. Have had a herpes or MRSA skin infections?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stomach Health	No	Yes
45. Ever become ill while exercising in hot weather?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
46. Have a special diet or need to avoid certain foods?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
47. Have to worry about his/her weight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48. Have stomach problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49. Ever had an eating disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COVID-19 Information		
	No	Yes
50. Has your child ever tested positive for COVID-19?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51. Was your child symptomatic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52. Did your child see a healthcare provider (HCP) for their COVID-19 symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
53. Did your child have any cardiac symptoms (new fast or slow heart rate, chest tightness or pain, blood pressure changes, or HCP diagnosed cardiac condition)? If yes, please provide additional information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
54. Was your child hospitalized? If yes, provide date(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, was your child diagnosed with Multisystem Inflammatory syndrome (MISC)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, is your child under a HCP's care for this?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain fully any question you answered yes to in the space below, include dates if known. Use additional pages if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION?

Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury.

If an athlete reports **one or more** symptoms of concussion listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to

Did You Know?

- Most concussions occur *without* loss of consciousness.
- Athletes who have, at any point in their lives, had a concussion have an increased risk for another concussion.
- Young children and teens are more likely to get a concussion and take longer to recover than adults.

the head or body, s/he should be kept out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.

SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF	SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETES
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache or "pressure" in head
Is confused about assignment or position	Nausea or vomiting
Forgets an instruction	Balance problems or dizziness
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Double or blurry vision
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to light
Answers questions slowly	Sensitivity to noise
Loses consciousness (<i>even briefly</i>)	Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes	Concentration or memory problems
Can't recall events <i>prior</i> to hit or fall	Confusion
Can't recall events <i>after</i> hit or fall	Just not "feeling right" or "feeling down"

CONCUSSION DANGER SIGNS

In rare cases, a dangerous blood clot may form on the brain in a person with a concussion and crowd the brain against the skull. An athlete should receive immediate medical attention if after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body s/he exhibits any of the following danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other
- Is drowsy or cannot be awakened
- A headache that not only does not diminish, but gets worse
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Cannot recognize people or places
- Becomes increasingly confused, restless, or agitated
- Has unusual behavior
- Loses consciousness (*even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously*)

WHY SHOULD AN ATHLETE REPORT THEIR SYMPTOMS?

If an athlete has a concussion, his/her brain needs time to heal. While an athlete's brain is still healing, s/he is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes to recover. In rare cases, repeat concussions in young athletes can result in brain swelling or permanent damage to their brain. *They can even be fatal.*

It's better to miss one game than the whole season. For more information on concussions, visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

Remember

Concussions affect people differently. While most athletes with a concussion recover quickly and fully, some will have symptoms that last for days, or even weeks. A more serious concussion can last for months or longer.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION?

If you suspect that an athlete has a concussion, remove the athlete from play and seek medical attention. Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.

Rest is key to helping an athlete recover from a concussion. Exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration, such as studying, working on the computer, or playing video games, may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. After a concussion, returning to sports and school is a gradual process that should be carefully managed and monitored by a health care professional.

Student-Athlete Name Printed

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date



Concussions: The Invisible Injury

Student and Parent Information Sheet

CONCUSSION DEFINITION

A concussion is a reaction by the brain to a jolt or force that can be transmitted to the head by an impact or blow occurring anywhere on the body. Essentially a concussion results from the brain moving back and forth or twisting rapidly inside the skull.

FACTS ABOUT CONCUSSIONS ACCORDING TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

- An estimated 4 million people under age 19 sustain a head injury annually. Of these approximately 52,000 die and 275,000 are hospitalized.
- An estimated 300,000 sports and recreation related concussions occur each year.
- Students who have had at least one concussion are at increased risk for another concussion.

In New York State in 2009, approximately 50,500 children under the age of 19 visited the emergency room for a traumatic brain injury and of those approximately 3,000 were hospitalized.

REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Education:

- Each school coach, physical education teacher, nurse, and athletic trainer will have to complete an approved course on concussion management on a biennial basis, starting with the 2012-2013 school year.
 - * School coaches and physical education teachers must complete the CDC course. (www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)
 - * School nurses and certified athletic trainers must complete the concussion course. (<http://preventingconcussions.org>)

Information:

- Provide concussion management information and sign off with any parental permission form. **The NYSPHSAA will provide a pamphlet to member schools on the concussion management information for parents.**
- The concussion management and awareness information on the State Education Department's web site must be made available on the school web site, if one exists.

Removal from athletics:

- Require the immediate removal from athletic activities of any pupil that has or is believed to have sustained a mild traumatic brain injury.
- No pupils will be allowed to resume athletic activity until they have been symptom free for 24 hours and have been evaluated by and received written and signed authorization from a licensed physician. For interscholastic athletics, clearance must come from the school medical director.
 - * Such authorization must be kept in the pupil's permanent health record.
 - * Schools shall follow directives issued by the pupil's treating physician.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of a concussion are the result of a temporary change in the brain's function. In most cases, the symptoms of a concussion generally resolve over a short period of time; however, in some cases, symptoms will last for weeks or longer. Children and adolescents are more susceptible to concussions and take longer than adults to recover.

It is imperative that any student who is suspected of having a concussion is removed from athletic activity (e.g. recess, PE class, sports) and remains out of such activities until evaluated and cleared to return to activity by a physician.

Symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Decreased or absent memory of events prior to or immediately after the injury, or difficulty retaining new information
- Confusion or appears dazed
- Headache or head pressure
- Loss of consciousness
- Balance difficulties, dizziness, or clumsy movements
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light and/or sound
- Nausea, vomiting and/or loss of appetite
- Irritability, sadness or other changes in personality
- Feeling sluggish, foggy or light-headed
- Concentration or focusing problems
- Drowsiness
- Fatigue and/or sleep issues – sleeping more or less than usual

Students who develop any of the following signs, or if signs and symptoms worsen, should be seen and evaluated immediately at the nearest hospital emergency room.

- Headaches that worsen
- Seizures
- Looks drowsy and/or cannot be awakened
- Repeated vomiting
- Slurred speech
- Unable to recognize people or places
- Weakness or numbing in arms or legs, facial drooping
- Unsteady gait
- Change in pupil size in one eye
- Significant irritability
- Any loss of consciousness
- Suspicion for skull fracture: blood draining from ear or clear fluid from the nose

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

Schools are advised to develop a written concussion management policy. A sample policy is available on the NYSPHSAA web site at www.nysphsaa.org. The policy should include:

- A commitment to reduce the risk of head injuries.
- A procedure and treatment plan developed by the district medical director.
- A procedure to ensure proper education for school nurses, certified athletic trainers, physical education teachers, and coaches.
- A procedure for a coordinated communication plan among appropriate staff.
- A procedure for periodic review of the concussion management program.

RETURN TO LEARN and RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

Cognitive Rest: Activities students should avoid include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Computers and video games
- Television viewing
- Texting
- Reading or writing
- Studying or homework
- Taking a test or completing significant projects
- Loud music
- Bright lights

Students may only be able to attend school for short periods of time. Accommodations may have to be made for missed tests and assignments.

Physical Rest: Activities students should avoid include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Contact and collision
- High speed, intense exercise and/or sports
- High risk for re-injury or impacts
- Any activity that results in an increased heart rate or increased head pressure

Return to Play Protocol once symptom free for 24 hours and cleared by School Medical Director:

Day 1: Low impact, non strenuous, light aerobic activity.

Day 2: Higher impact, higher exertion, moderate aerobic activity. No resistance training.

Day 3: Sport specific non-contact activity. Low resistance weight training with a spotter.

Day 4: Sport specific activity, non-contact drills. Higher resistance weight training with a spotter.

Day 5: Full contact training drills and intense aerobic activity.

Day 6: Return to full activities with clearance from School Medical Director.

Any return of symptoms during the return to play protocol, the student will return to previous day's activities until symptom free.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT TEAM

Schools may, at their discretion, form a concussion management team to implement and monitor the concussion management policy and program. The team could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Students
- Parents/Guardians
- School Administrators
- Medical Director
- Private Medical Provider
- School Nurse
- Director of Physical Education and/or Athletic Director
- Certified Athletic Trainer
- Physical Education Teacher and/or Coaches
- Classroom Teachers

OTHER RESOURCES

- New York State Education Department
- New York State Department of Health
http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/injury_prevention/concussion/htm
- New York State Public High School Athletic Association
www.nysphsaa.org/safety/
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://cdc.gov/concussions>
- National Federation of High Schools
www.nfhslearn.com – The FREE Concussion Management course does not meet education requirement.
- Child Health Plus
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/consumer_guide/about_child_health_plus.htm
- Local Department of Social Services – New York State Department of Health
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ldss/htm
- Brain Injury Association of New York State
<http://www.bianys.org>
- Nationwide Children's Hospital – Concussions in the Classroom
<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/concussions-in-the-classroom>
- Upstate University Hospital – Concussions in the Classroom
<http://www.upstate.edu/pmr/healthcare/programs/concussion/classroom.php>
- ESPN Video – Life Changed by Concussion
<http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=7525526&categoryId=5595394>
- SportsConcussions.org
<http://www.sportsconcussions.org/ibaseline/>
- American Association of Neurological Surgeons
<http://www.aans.org/Patient%20Information/Conditions%20and%20Treatment/Concussion.aspx>
- Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport – Zurich
<http://sportconcussions.com/html/Zurich%20Statement.pdf>