

## 810 – Concussion and Head Policy



GWA has a thorough policy for identifying and treating symptoms of concussion and/or head injury. When a student shows any signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, he or she shall be removed immediately from class, recess, play, etc. and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified.

The following situations indicate a medical emergency:

- Any student with a witnessed loss of consciousness (LOC) of any duration (may be spine boarded and transported immediately to nearest Emergency Department via emergency vehicle).
- Any student who has the following symptoms of a concussion, and who is not stable (i.e., condition is worsening), is to be transported immediately to the nearest Emergency Department via emergency vehicle:
  1. Deterioration of neurological function
  2. Decreasing level of consciousness
  3. Decrease or irregularity in respirations
  4. Any signs or symptoms of associated injuries, spine or skull fracture, or bleeding
  5. Mental status changes: lethargy, difficulty maintaining arousal, confusion or agitation
  6. Seizure activity
  7. Unequal or non-reactive pupils
  8. Vomiting brought on by trauma

A student who is symptomatic but stable, may be transported by his or her parents.

A student diagnosed with a concussion shall be withheld from activity for the remainder of the day. In the event that a student's parent(s) cannot be reached, and the student is able to be sent home:

- GWA will ensure that the student will be with a responsible individual, who is capable of monitoring the student and understanding the home care instructions, before allowing the student to go home.
- A representative from GWA (Principal, Vice Principal, Front Office Manager, or teacher) should continue efforts to reach a parent.
- If there is any question about the status of the student, or if the student cannot be monitored appropriately, the student should be referred to an Emergency Department for evaluation. A representative from GWA will accompany the student and remain with the student until a parent/guardian arrives.