

3303 Head Injury Policy

1. Maeser seeks to provide a safe return to activity for all students following any injury, but particularly after a concussion. In order to effectively and consistently manage these injuries, procedures have been developed to aid in ensuring that students who experience head injuries are identified, treated and referred appropriately, and are fully recovered prior to returning to activity.
2. Definitions
 - a. An "Agent" is an employee or representative of Maeser who is supervising an activity or sporting event..
 - b. "Head injury" means any injury to the head not described in Subsection 26-53-102(6), including a mild bump.
 - c. Traumatic head injury" means an injury to the head arising from blunt trauma, an acceleration force, or a deceleration force, with one of the following observed or self-reported conditions attributable to the injury:
 - i. transient confusion, disorientation, or impaired consciousness;
 - ii. dysfunction of memory;
 - iii. loss of consciousness; or
 - iv. signs of other neurological or neuropsychological dysfunction, including:
 - v. seizures;
 - vi. irritability;
 - vii. lethargy;
 - viii. vomiting;
 - ix. headache;
 - x. dizziness; or
 - xi. fatigue.
3. Students suspected of sustaining a concussion or traumatic head injury
 - a. Shall be evaluated by a trained qualified health care professional and must be cleared in writing by the health care professional for participation in school activities.
 - b. Parents must also sign a waiver of liability and submit written permission for the student to resume participation in physical activities.
4. Staff training
 - a. All Maeser agents who supervise physical activities or sporting events, will receive training about concussions and traumatic head injuries, as well as appropriate responses to suspected head injuries.
5. Parent notification
 - a. Maeser will annually notify parents of students who participate in sporting events of Maeser's traumatic head injury policy.
 - b. If a student is reported to have experienced a head injury , Maeser will notify the parent.