

Head-Royce School Concussion Policy

Head-Royce School believes the health and safety of our students are of paramount importance. HRS follows a collaborative approach among school professionals, health care providers, and parents to best help support a student recovering from a concussion.

Students under a doctor's care for head injuries will follow the requirements for "return to learn." The protocol parallels the "return to play" for student athletes and is governed by the recommendations by the student's medical doctor. While Head-Royce School is generally able to make reasonable accommodations while students heal from injury, there may be accommodations that the school cannot make because they will impact the acquisition of skills necessary for mastery of a course. In the event that the school cannot make the accommodations recommended by the student's doctor, the counselor, parent and Division Head will meet to determine educational options outside of Head-Royce School.

The School has created Return to Learn and Return to Play protocols for any student who has suffered a concussion. Here are the steps to follow:

Return to Learn Policy:

1. Schedule a doctor's visit to determine the diagnosis. The doctor's diagnosis should include a note stating athletic and academic status (this may include academic and physical accommodations during recovery).
2. We request this form (or one similar) be filled out by the physician and submitted by parents to school in writing. [Acute Concussion Evaluation](#)

Academics:

Upon receiving all necessary paperwork, the Division Head will communicate the student's situation and recommended accommodations to the appropriate team. It is essential that you keep the Division Head and team notified of any updates and changes in symptoms and progress (medical info and documentation needed).

Return to Play Policy:

(for Head Royce Athletes playing on school teams or clubs)

Head-Royce School athletes will need to complete the Return to Play protocol outlined by the athletics department before returning to physical participation. Direct communication with the Athletics Director and coaches is required.

*HRS would like to acknowledge Bishop O'Dowd's Concussion Management as an inspiration and resource for our policy.

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