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## FACULTY/STAFF HANDBOOK

### APPENDIX #1

### Head Injury Policy / Reporting Procedures

A concussion is a type of brain injury which can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head. Concussions can also occur from a fall or blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly. Recognition and proper response to concussions when they first occur can help aid recovery and prevent further injury.

If a child has a head injury at school and a concussion is suspected he or she should be evaluated by a physician to determine whether they have had a concussion. Similarly, if a head injury occurs at home during recreation or a sports activity the same precautions and follow-up is recommended and mandated by Rhode Island law;

(School & Youth Programs Concussion Act Title 16-90-1).

Once a diagnosis is made, follow-up and specific activity instructions and restrictions will be recommended by the physician. When the child returns to school they must be accompanied by specific written instructions from the physician which address participation in recess, return to Physical Ed. and return to sports. Without this documentation child will not be allowed to return to school.