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SPORTS INFORMATION

1. The student must have a physical on file in the nurse's office to participate.
2. Your doctor does not automatically send physicals to the school; the parent is responsible for this.
3. The physical is good for one full year.
4. If the physical was completed over 30 days ago the parent must complete the interval health history form. This form cannot be completed too early. It must be signed no more than 30 days before the start of the sport.
5. The parent and student must sign the permission form.
6. These papers must be returned before a student may practice.

All sport's paperwork must be handed in to the school nurse before any sport's practice. The nurse will then conduct a sport's clearance on each athlete!

TO: Students and Parents  
FROM: High School and Middle School Nurses  
RE: Participation in Sports Program

**Interval Health History Form:**

Parents must complete this form. Parents must sign this form no earlier than thirty days prior to the first day of practice. This form must be completed prior to each sport season. Interval health history forms do not have to be completed if a physician physical was performed on the student thirty days prior to the first day of practice. This form must be handed into the nurse on sports clearance day only.

**Physician Physicals:**

The school physicians give physicals during the month of August each year at the High School Health office. The physicals can be used as sports physicals, 7<sup>th</sup>& 10<sup>th</sup> grade physicals, new student entrance physical and for the issue of working papers. Please see the sports information dates for the August physicals. Dates can be obtained from the nurse, athletic director's office, main office, guidance office and the internet: [www.schalmont.org](http://www.schalmont.org) (go to HS Sports). Your own family doctor can also give physicals. A copy of the physical needs to be completed and sent to the schools nurse to be reviewed and placed in your child's health file. Your doctor will not send this without your request. Physicals are valid through the last day of the month in which the examination was conducted rather than 365 days from the last examination. If the 12 month period for the physical exam expires at the start or during a sport season, participants may conclude that until the next sport season – as long as an Interval health history was completed prior to the sport season.

**Sports Clearance:**

Students are required to attend the sports informational meeting with their coach. The sports dates and information packet will be handed out to each athlete. Students will be required to show up at the health office with their coaches on a specific date/time. The nurse will review the latest physical date or the interval health form. If the student is approved, a sports participation form will be issued to that student to give to the coach on the first day of practice.

**Permission Forms:**

To be completed with all emergency names and numbers, handed into the coaches who will keep the forms on them to refer to in case of an accident.

**Injuries:**

All injuries should be reported to the coach and athletic trainer. An accident report will be completed by the coach who will submit it to the school nurse. The nurse will send insurance forms to those requiring them. All questions concerning insurance matters should be directed to Joseph C. Lenz in the District Office.

**\*\*Reminder\*\***

Coaches cannot approve or accept physician physical forms. They must be given directly to the nurse. These are legal documents, which are kept on file.

— When a physician has written an excuse for a student not to participate in a sport/gym due to physical injury, the school legally must abide by the physicians order. A parent/s written or verbal request disregarding the physician order will not be honored.

## NYSED Interval Health History for Athletics- Page 1

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 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.**  
 Any medications to be taken at practice and/or athletic event will require the proper paperwork, contact school with question.

| Has/Does your child:  |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| General Health Concerns   | Yes | No |
| 1. Ever been restricted by a doctor, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner from sports participation for any reason?   |     |    |
| 2. Have an ongoing medical condition?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell trait or disease<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other                                   |     |    |
| 3. Ever had surgery?  |     |    |
| 4. Ever spent the night in a hospital?  |     |    |
| 5. Been diagnosed with Mononucleosis within the last month?   |     |    |
| 6. Have only one functioning kidney?  |     |    |
| 7. Have a bleeding disorder?  |     |    |
| 8. Have any problems with his/her hearing or wears hearing aid(s)?  |     |    |
| 9. Have any problems with his/her vision or has vision in only one eye?   |     |    |
| 10. Wear glasses or contacts?   |     |    |
| Allergies   | Yes | No |
| 11. Have a life threatening allergy?<br>Check any that apply:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Bite<br><input type="checkbox"/> Latex <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pollen <input type="checkbox"/> Other |     |    |
| 12. Carry an epinephrine auto-injector?   |     |    |
| Breathing (Respiratory) Health  | Yes | No |
| 13. Ever complained of getting more tired or short of breath than his/her friends during exercise?  |     |    |
| 14. Wheeze or cough frequently during or after exercise?  |     |    |
| 15. Ever been told by their health care provider they have asthma?  |     |    |
| 16. Use or carry an inhaler or nebulizer?   |     |    |

| Has/Does your child:   |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Concussion/ Head Injury History  | Yes | No |
| 17. Ever had a hit to the head that caused headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, or been told he/she had a concussion?   |     |    |
| 18. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?   |     |    |
| 19. Ever had headaches with exercise?  |     |    |
| 20. Ever had any unexplained seizures?   |     |    |
| 21. Currently receive treatment for a seizure disorder or epilepsy?  |     |    |
| Devices/Accommodations   | Yes | No |
| 22. Use a brace, orthotic, or other device?  |     |    |
| 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.  |     |    |
| 24. Wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?   |     |    |
| Family History   | Yes | No |
| 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? |     |    |
| Females Only   | Yes | No |
| 26. Begun having her period?   |     |    |
| 27. Age periods began:   |     |    |
| 28. Have regular periods?  |     |    |
| 29. Date of last menstrual period:   |     |    |
| Males Only   | Yes | No |
| 30. Have only one testicle?  |     |    |
| 31. Have groin pain or a bulge or hernia in the groin?   |     |    |

NYSED Interval Health History for Athletics – Page 2

Student Name:

School Name:

DOB:

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

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

**Please explain fully any question you answered yes to in the space below.** (Please print clearly and provide dates if known.)

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed a desire to participate in athletic competition with other schools during the coming season. The activity and level of competition is indicated below.

If your child becomes a member of a team, he/she will represent Schalmont High School in several communities, and we are anxious that there be understanding prior to participation.

Attendance at practice sessions and contests is compulsory, unless his/her coach excuses the student. School citizenship demonstrated by class conduct and conformance to school regulations, is as important as conduct at practice sessions and games. Sportsmanship will be emphasized, and conduct unbecoming a student will not be tolerated.

A physical examination by a physician must be submitted and reviewed by the school nurse prior to participation. With few exceptions, the law states that one physical examination will suffice for the entire year; however, your permission for participation will be requested prior to each sports season.

If your child is injured, it is his/her responsibility to report the injury to the coach, who will in turn notify the school nurse. Insurance forms are available from the nurse and must be requested by your child.

The school district carries a supplemental insurance plan to cover incidents that occur in school related activities. If an incident requires medical attention, the parent must submit his or her own insurance first. If the claim is not payable or in excess of the parent's coverage, the supplemental insurance forms are available in the health office. Please direct all questions regarding insurance to Joseph Lenz in the District Office at 355-9200 ext. 4002.

It is important that all the information below is completed so that, in the event of an injury, the proper individuals may be contacted immediately.

Sincerely,

John Gallo, Director of Athletics

\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above letter and agree to abide by the contents.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I give my son/daughter permission to participate in \_\_\_\_\_  
(extramural/interscholar sport)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Family Dentist and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUIRED NYS SCHOOL HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED IN ENTIRETY BY PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR SCHOOL MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

**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"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Anaphylaxis Care Plan Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type | <input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Latex <input type="checkbox"/> Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental                  |

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> No          | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached   | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma Care Plan Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent <input type="checkbox"/> Other : _____ |  |

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> No        | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Care Plan Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type | <input type="checkbox"/> Type: _____                         | Date of last seizure: _____                         |

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> No        | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached   | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Medical Mgmt. Plan Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type | <input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> HgbA1c results: _____ | Date Drawn: _____   |

**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):  <5<sup>th</sup>  5<sup>th</sup>-49<sup>th</sup>  50<sup>th</sup>-84<sup>th</sup>  85<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup>  95<sup>th</sup>-98<sup>th</sup>  99<sup>th</sup> and <

Hyperlipidemia:  No  Yes      Hypertension:  No  Yes

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT**

|  |                          |                          |             |   |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| Height:  | Weight:                  | BP:                      | Pulse:      | Respirations:   |
| <b>TESTS</b>   | <b>Positive</b>          | <b>Negative</b>          | <b>Date</b> | <b>Other Pertinent Medical Concerns</b>   |
| PPD/PRN  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |             | One Functioning: <input type="checkbox"/> Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney <input type="checkbox"/> Testicle |
| Sickle Cell Screen/PRN   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Concussion – Last Occurrence: _____  |
| <b>Lead Level Required Grades Pre- K &amp; K</b>                                     |                          | <b>Date</b>              |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Test Done <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Elevated > 10 µg/dL |                          |                          |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> System Review and Exam Entirely Normal                      |                          |                          |             |   |

**Check Any Assessment Boxes Outside Normal Limits And Note Below Under Abnormalities**

|                                 |   |  |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <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 |
|  | _____                     | _____       |
|  | _____                     | _____       |
|  | _____                     | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Information Attached                 |                           |             |

|  |   |  |  |              |
|--|---|--|--|--------------|
| Name:  |   |  | DOB:   |              |
| <b>SCREENINGS</b>  |   |  |  |              |
| <b>Vision</b>  | <b>Right</b>                                | <b>Left</b>  | <b>Referral</b>  | <b>Notes</b> |
| Distance Acuity  | 20/   | 20/  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |              |
| Distance Acuity With Lenses  | 20/   | 20/  |  |              |
| Vision – Near Vision   | 20/   | 20/  |  |              |
| Vision – Color <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail   |   |  |  |              |
| <b>Hearing</b>   | <b>Right dB</b>                             | <b>Left dB</b>   | <b>Referral</b>  |              |
| Pure Tone Screening  |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |              |
| <b>Scoliosis</b> Required for boys grade 9<br>And girls grades 5 & 7   | <b>Negative</b>                             | <b>Positive</b>  | <b>Referral</b>  |              |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |              |
| Deviation Degree:  |   | Trunk Rotation Angle:  |  |              |
| <b>Recommendations:</b>  |   |  |  |              |
| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS/PLAYGROUND/WORK</b>  |   |  |  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Activity</b> without restrictions including Physical Education and Athletics.<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Restrictions/Adaptations</b> Use the Interscholastic Sports Categories (below) for Restrictions or modifications<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No Contact Sports</b> Includes: baseball, basketball, competitive cheerleading, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No Non-Contact Sports</b> Includes: archery, badminton, bowling, cross-country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, Skiing, swimming and diving, tennis, and track & field<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Restrictions:</b> |   |  |  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Developmental Stage for Athletic Placement Process ONLY</b><br>Grades 7 & 8 to play at high school level OR Grades 9-12 to play middle school level sports<br>Student is at Tanner Stage: <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V   |   |  |  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Accommodations:</b> Use additional space below to explain<br><input type="checkbox"/> Brace*/Orthotic <input type="checkbox"/> Colostomy Appliance* <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aids<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insulin Pump/Insulin Sensor* <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/Prosthetic Device* <input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker/Defibrillator*<br><input type="checkbox"/> Protective Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Safety Goggles <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  |   |  |  |              |
| *Check with athletic governing body if prior approval/form completion required for use of device at athletic competitions.   |   |  |  |              |
| Explain: _____   |   |  |  |              |
| <b>MEDICATIONS</b>   |   |  |  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order Form for Medication(s) Needed at School attached  |   |  |  |              |
| List medications taken at home:  |   |  |  |              |
|  |   |  |  |              |
| <b>IMMUNIZATIONS</b>   |   |  |  |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record Attached   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reported in NYSIIS | Received Today: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |              |
| <b>HEALTH CARE PROVIDER</b>  |   |  |  |              |
| Medical Provider Signature:  |   |  | Date:  |              |
| Provider Name: <i>(please print)</i>   |   |  | Stamp:   |              |
| Provider Address:  |   |  |  |              |
| Phone:   |   |  |  |              |
| Fax:   |   |  |  |              |
| <b>Please Return This Form To Your Child's School When Entirely Completed.</b>   |   |  |  |              |

## PROVIDER AND PARENT PERMISSIONS REQUIRED FOR INDEPENDENT MEDICATION CARRY AND USE

**Directions for the Health Care Provider:** This form may be used as an addendum to a medication order which does not contain the required diagnosis and attestation for a student to independently carry and use their medication as required by NYS law. A provider order and parent/guardian permission is needed in order for a student to carry and use medications that require rapid administration to prevent negative health outcomes. These medications should be identified by checking the appropriate boxes below.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### Health Care Provider Permission for Independent Use and Carry

I attest that this student has demonstrated to me that they can self-administer the medication(s) listed below safely and effectively, and may carry and use this medication (with a delivery device if needed) independently at any school/school sponsored activity with no supervision by school staff. This order applies to the medications checked below:

This student is diagnosed with:

- Allergy and requires Epinephrine Auto-injector
- Asthma or respiratory condition and requires Inhaled Respiratory Rescue Medication
- Diabetes and requires Insulin/Glucagon/Diabetes Supplies
- \_\_\_\_\_ which requires rapid administration of \_\_\_\_\_  
(State Diagnosis) (Medication Name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Permission for Independent Use and Carry

I agree that my child can use their medication effectively and may carry and use this medication independently at any school/school sponsored activity with no supervision by school staff.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return to School Nurse:

|               |      |         |
|---------------|------|---------|
| School Nurse: |      | School: |
| Phone #:      | Fax: | Email:  |



## Concussion Information Sheet for Students and Parents

The following recommendations are standard for all students who suffer from a head injury and are designed to help speed your recovery. Your careful attention to them can also prevent prolonged recovery and further injury. The typical recovery period for a concussion is 7 to 10 days.

- Avoid physical activity – you should not participate in physical education or sports participation until you are headache free for one week. This includes weight training, running, exercising and heavy lifting.
- Get lots of rest. Be sure to get enough sleep at night – no late nights. Keep the same bedtime on the weekdays and weekends. Drink lots of fluids and eat carbohydrates or protein to maintain appropriate blood sugar levels
- Take daytime naps or rest breaks if you feel fatigued or the onset of a headache
- Limit activities that require a lot of thinking or concentration. These activities can make your symptoms worse. This may include limiting class work, homework and job related activity. Avoid prolonged computer use, video gaming, television watching, text messaging, telephone use.
- During recovery, it is normal to feel frustrated and sad when you do not feel right and you cannot be as active as usual.
- Seek re-evaluation as your symptoms will help guide recovery.
- Academic Participation

Because recovering from a concussion can be a gradual process and school work continues while recovery is taking place, it is necessary for students, parents and school personnel to be aware of and consider the following symptoms that a student may demonstrate during recovery:

- Increased difficulty paying attention or concentrating
- Increased problems remembering or learning new information
- Longer time needed to complete tasks or assignments Greater irritability, less able to cope with stress
- Headaches and fatigue that worsens when doing school work

These symptoms are normal, to be expected, and temporary.

### Physical Activity and Sport Participation

It is important to avoid all physical activity, in school and out of school, in particular any physical activity that carries a risk of head injury. The likelihood of sustaining a second head injury is greater during the recovery phase of a concussion. Rapid or early return to sports and play puts you at risk for Second Impact Syndrome which can lead to severe and possibly lethal outcomes. Therefore, it is necessary to follow these recommendations for returning to sports/play:

- You should NEVER return to play if you have any concussion symptoms (see above). This includes symptoms at rest and while doing any physical or mental activity. Be sure the PE teacher, coach and athletic trainer are aware of your injury and ongoing symptoms.
- It is normal to feel frustrated, sad and even angry because you cannot return to sports right away.
- As with any injury, a full recovery will reduce the chances of getting hurt again. It is better to miss one or two games than the whole season.

Requirements for Academic Accommodations during Recovery:

1. Medical evaluation and side two of this form is completed by student's physician
2. Parental authorization for school nurse and medical advisor to exchange information with student's physician.
3. Student has not been cleared to resume game play (athletics) or other contact/strenuous physical activity.

Physician Evaluation

Date of First Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Second Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

| Symptoms Observed:                                    | First Doctor Visit |    | Second Doctor Visit |     |
|---|--------------------|----|---------------------|-----|
|   | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Dizziness   | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Headache  | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Tinnitus  | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Nausea  | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Fatigue   | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Drowsy/Sleepy   | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Sensitivity to Light                                  | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Sensitivity to Noise                                  | Yes                | No | Yes                 | No  |
| Anterograde Amnesia<br>(after impact)                 | Yes                | No | N/A                 | N/A |
| Retrograde Amnesia<br>(backwards in time from impact) | Yes                | No | N/A                 | N/A |

\* Please indicate yes or no in your respective columns. First Doctor use column 1 and second Doctor use column 2.

First Doctor Visit:

Did the athlete sustain a concussion? (Yes or No) (one or the other must be circled)

\*\* Post-dated releases will not be accepted. The athlete must be seen and released on the same day.

Please note that if there is a history of previous concussion, then referral for professional management by a specialist or concussion clinic should be strongly considered.

Additional Findings/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations/Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print or stamp name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Doctor Visit:

\*\*\* Athlete must be completely symptom free in order to begin the return to play progression. If athlete still has symptoms more than seven days after injury, referral to a concussion specialist/clinic should be strongly considered.

Please check one of the following:

- Athlete is asymptomatic and is ready to begin the return to play progression.
- Athlete is still symptomatic more than seven days after injury.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print or stamp name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_