## PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENTS/PARENTS
1. $\square$ Complete the History Form (pages 1 $\&$ 2) portion PRIOR to your appointment with your healthcare provider.
2. Sign the bottom of the History Form (page 2).
3. $\square$ Complete the Shared Emergency Information section on the Medical Eligibility Form (page 4).
4. Sign the bottom of the Medical Eligibility Form (page 4) AFTER the pre-participation evaluation is complete and PRIOR to turning in the completed PPE to the school.
5. Review the Student Eligibility Checklist (page 5) AND SIGN the bottom of the page PRIOR to turning in the completed PP to the school.
6. Review and sign the Concussion and Head Injury Release Form provided by the school.
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
1. Review the History Form (pages 1 & 2) with the student and his/her parent/guardian as part of the pre-participation physical evaluation.
2.  Complete the Physical Examination Form (page 3) AND SIGN the bottom of page 3.
3.  Complete the Medical Eligibility Form (page 4) AND SIGN page 4.
NOTE: Two signatures are required by the healthcare provider!
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

1. 🗌 C	ollect the complete	d PPE forms with	the appropriate	signatures on	ı pages 2 – 5.
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- 2. Based on your school's policy, determine who is responsible to review and disseminate the student's medical information provided on the form.\*
- 3. Provide copies of the Medical Eligibility Form to appropriate staff with supervisory responsibility of extracurricular activities (coaches, sponsors, etc.).
- 4. Collect the required Concussion and Head Injury Release Form signed by the student and parent/guardian.
- \* Schools are encouraged to have policies in place identifying who has access to a student's complete private health information found on the PPE form. The Medical Eligibility Form can be used independently to share with staff who may not need complete access to the private health information found on the PPE.

The annual history and the physical examination shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable. The KSHSAA recommends completion of this evaluation by athletes/cheerleaders at least one month prior to the first practice to allow time for correction of deficiencies and implementation of conditioning recommendations.



PPE is required annually and shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

**HISTORY FORM** (Pages 1 & 2 should be filled out by the student and **parent/guardian** prior to the physical examination)

Name				Sex	Age	Date of bird	th	
Grade	School				Sport(s)			
Home Address					Phone			
Personal physic	cian			Parent Email				
List past and	Lourrant modical condit	ions:						
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Have you eve	er nad surgery? If yes, II	st all past surgical proc	edures:					
	and Allergies:	lover the counter mad	icines, inhalers, and supplen	nents (herbal and n	utritional) that you are	currently taking		
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—			Food	Stingin	g Insects			
What was the	e reaction?							
Explain "Yes"	answers at the end o	f this form. Circle զւ	estions if you don't know	the answer.				
	QUESTIONS:						YES	NO
	nave any concerns that y						<b>↓</b>	<del>│</del>
2. Has a pro	ovider ever denied or re	estricted your participat	ion in sports for any reason	?			<b>↓</b> <u>↓</u>	<u> </u>
3. Do you h	nave any ongoing medic	al issues or recent illne	ss?				<b>⊥</b> <u>⊔</u>	<u> </u>
4. Have you	ever spent the night in	the hospital?					$\perp \Box$	
HEART HEA	ALTH QUESTIONS A	BOUT YOU:				i e	YES	NO
5. Have you	u ever passed out or nea	arly passed out during	or after exercise?					
6. Have you	u ever had discomfort, p	ain, tightness or pressi	ure in your chest during exer	rcise?				
7. Does you	ur heart ever race, flutte	r in your chest, or skip	beats (irregular beats) durin	g exercise?				
8. Has a do	ctor ever told you that y	ou have any heart pro	blems?					
9. Has a do	ctor ever requested a te	est for your heart? For	example, electrocardiograph	ny (ECG) or echocar	diography.			
10. Do you g	et light-headed or feel s	shorter of breath than	our friends during exercise?	?				
11. Have you	u ever had a seizure?							
HEART HEA	ALTH QUESTIONS A	BOUT YOUR FAMII	-Y:				YES	NO
	family member or relating		ms or had an unexpected or	unexplained sudd	en death before age 35	years (includ-		
right ven	tricular cardiomyopathy	(ARVC), long QT syndr	m such as hypertrophic card ome (LQTS), short QT syndro					
· , ,	phic ventricular tachyca						+—	<b>├</b> ─
,	, ,		anted defibrillator before age	e 35?			<u> </u>	
	JOINT QUESTIONS						YES	NO
			ne, muscle, ligament, joint, c	r tendon that cause	ed you to miss a praction	e or game?	<b>↓</b> <u>↓</u>	┷
16. Have you	ı ever had any broken o	r fractured bones or d	slocated joints?				$\perp \square$	
17. Have you	u ever had an injury that	required x-rays, MRI, (	T scan, injections or therapy	?			$\perp \Box$	$\perp \Box$
18. Have you	u ever had any injuries o	r conditions involving y	our spine (cervical, thoracic,	lumbar)?			$\perp \Box$	
19. Do you r	egularly use, or have yo	u ever had an injury th	at required the use of a brac	e, crutches, cast, or	thotics or other assisti	/e device?		
20. Do you h	nave a bone, muscle, liga	ament, or joint injury th	at bothers you?					
21. Do you h Dwarfisn		ile arthritis, other auto	immune disease or other co	ngenital genetic cor	nditions (e.g., Downs Sy	ndrome or		

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MEDICAL QUESTIONS:			YES	NO
22. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?				
23. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?			<del>   </del>	┝╫╴
24. Are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organs?			片	┝╫╴
25. Do you have groin or testicle pain, a bump, a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?			片	┝╫
26. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono)?			片	┝╫╴
27. Do you have any recurring skin rashes or skin infection that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant Staphy (MRSA)?	lococcus aure	eus		
28. Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache, or memory problems?			$\overline{}$	
If yes, how many?			ш	
What is the longest time it took for full recovery?				
When were you last released?				
29. Do you have headaches with exercise?				
30. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, weakness in your arms (including stingers/burners) or legs, or been unable to mor after being hit or falling?	ve your arms	or legs		
31. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?				
32. Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising?			一一	H
33. Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?				
34. Have you ever had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?			H	
35. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?			H	H
36. Do you worry about your weight?			一一	
37. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?				
38. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?				
39. Have you ever had an eating disorder?				
40. How do you currently identify your gender?	_ F _	Other _		
41. Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (check box)	NOT AT ALL	SEVERAL DAYS	OVER HALF THE DAYS	NEARLY EVERY DAY
Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	0 🔲	1	2	3
Not being able to stop or control worrying	0 🔲	1 🔲	2	3
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0 🗆	1 🔲	2	3
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0 🔲	1 🔲	2	3
(A sum of 3 or more is considered positive on either subscale [questions 1 and 2, or questions 3 and 4] for screening purposes) Patient Health Questionnaire Version 4 (PHQ-4)				,
FEMALES ONLY:			YES	NO
42. Have you ever had a menstrual period?				
43. If yes, are you experiencing any problems or changes with athletic participation (i.e., irregularity, pain, etc.)?				
44. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?				
45. When was your most recent menstrual period?				
46. How many menstrual periods have you had in the past 12 months?				
Explain all Yes answers here				

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of student-athlete	_ Signature of parent/guardian	Date
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### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name					Date of birth	
Date of recent immunizations:	Td	Tdap	Нер В	Varicella	HPV	Meningococcal

#### **PHYSICIAN REMINDERS**

- 1. Consider additional questions on more sensitive issues
  - Do you feel stressed out or under a lot of pressure?
  - Do you ever feel sad, hopeless, depressed, or anxious?
  - Do you feel safe at your home or residence?
  - Have you ever tried cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
  - During the past 30 days, did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
- Do you drink alcohol or use any other drugs?
- Have you ever taken anabolic steroids or used any other performance enhancing supplement?
- Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?
- Do you wear a seat belt, use a helmet and adhere to safe sex practices?
- 2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5-14 of History Form).
- Per Kansas statute, any school athlete who has sustained a concussion shall not return to competition or practice until the athlete is evaluated by a

EXAMINAT	ION						
Height	Weight	Male 🗌 Female 🗌	BP (reference gender/height/age chart)****	/	(	/ ) Pu	lse
Vision R 20/	L 20/	Corrected: Yes 🗌	No 🗆				
MEDICAL					NORMA	L AI	BNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance - Marf myo	fan stigmata (kyp	phoscoliosis, high-arched prolapse [MVP], and aort	palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hy c insufficiency)	perlaxity,			
Eyes/ears/no - Pupi	ose/throat ils equal, Gross F	Hearing					
_ymph node	2S						
Heart * - Muri	murs (auscultati	on standing, auscultation	supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver)				
Pulses - Simu	ultaneous femor	al and radial pulses					
Lungs				·			
Abdomen							
	oes simplex virus inea corporis	s (HSV), lesions suggestive	of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus	s (MRSA),			
Neurologica	***						
Genitourina	ry (optional-male	es only)**					
MUSCULO	SKELETAL				NORMA	L AI	BNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck							
Back							
Shoulder/ar	m						
Elbow/forea	rm						
Wrist/hand/	fingers						
Hip/thigh							
Knee							
Leg/ankle							
Foot/toes							
Functional - e.g. (	double-leg squa	t test, single-leg squat tes	t, and box drop or step drop test				
priate medic	al setting. Having	third party present is recom	ral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or mended. ***Consider cognitive evaluation or base or Screening and Management of High Blood Press	eline neurops	ychiatric testing	g if a significan	t history of concussion. ****Fly
elber DC, Bak	e I have reviewe	d the preceding patient	history pages and have performed the abov	e physical e	xamination o	on the studer	nt named on this form.
		(print/type)				Date _	
cknowledge	thcare provider	(ріпіотуре)					
cknowledge							, MD, DO, DC, PA-C, A (please circle one)

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### MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

Name	Date of birth
Medically eligible for all sports without restriction	
Medically eligible for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluations	uation or treatment of
Medically eligible for certain sports	
Not medically eligible pending further evaluation	
Not medically eligible for any sports	
Recommendations:	
I have examined the student named on this form and completed the preparticipation physical practice and can participate in the sport(s) as outlined on this form, except as indicated above physician may rescind the medical eligibility until the problem is resolved and the potential converse of healthcare provider (print or type):	e. If conditions arise after the athlete has been cleared for participation, the passequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents or guardians).  Date:
Signature of healthcare provider:	
Address:	Phone:
SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION	
Allergies:	
Medications:	
Other information:	
Emergency contacts:	

## **Parent or Guardian Consent**

To be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics/spirit groups, a student must have on file with the superintendent or principal, a signed statement by a physician, chiropractor, physician's assistant who has been authorized to perform the examination by a Kansas licensed supervising physician or an advanced practice registered nurse who has been authorized to perform this examination by a Kansas licensed supervising physician, certifying the student has passed an adequate physical examination and is physically fit to participate (See KSHSAA Handbook, Rule 7). A complete history and physical examination must be performed annually before a student participates in KSHSAA interscholastic athletics/cheerleading.

I do not know of any existing physical or any additional health reasons that would preclude participation in activities. I certify that the answers to the questions in the HISTORY part of the Preparticipation Physical Examination (PPE), are true and accurate. I approve participation in activities. I hereby authorize release to the KSHSAA, school nurse, certified athletic trainer (whether employee or independent contractor of the school), school administrators, coach and medical provider of information contained in this document. Upon written request, I may receive a copy of this document for my own personal health care records.

I acknowledge that there are risks of participating, including the possibility of catastrophic injury. I hereby give my consent for the above student to compete in KSHSAA approved activities, and to accompany school representatives on school trips and receive emergency medical treatment when necessary. It is understood that neither the KSHSAA nor the school assumes any responsibility in case of accident. The undersigned agrees to be responsible for the safe return of all equipment issued by the school to the student.

1.	,	
X	Signature of parent/guardian	Date
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The parties to this document agree that an electronic signature is intended to make this writing effective and binding and to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature.

ATTE	ENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS: KSHSAA ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST
	Student's Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)
NOTE: Tra	nsfer Rule 18 states in part, a student is eligible transfer-wise if:
BEGINNING	SEVENTH GRADER—A seventh grader, at the beginning of his or her seventh grade year, is eligible under the Transfer Rule at any school he or she mattend. In addition, age and academic eligibility requirements must also be met.
senior high junior high s	NINTH GRADERS IN A THREE-YEAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—So that ninth graders of a three-year junior high are treated equally to ninth graders of a four-year school, a student who has successfully completed the eighth grade of a two-year junior high/middle school, may transfer to the ninth grade of a three-year school at the beginning of the school year and be eligible immediately under the Transfer Rule. Such a ninth grader must then, as a tenth grader, attend the rhigh school of their school system. Should they attend a different school as a tenth grader, they would be ineligible for eighteen weeks.
	HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME—A senior high school student is eligible under the Transfer Rule at any senior high school he or she may choose to attend If high is entered for the first time at the beginning of the school year. In addition, age and academic eligibility requirements must also be met.
For Mid	dle/Junior High and Senior High School Students to Retain Eligibility
Schools ma	by have stricter rules than those pertaining to the questions above or listed below. Contact the principal or coach on any matter of eligibility. A student articipate in interscholastic activities must be certified by the school principal as meeting all eligibility standards.
ali Kshsaa	rules and regulations are published in the official KSHSAA Handbook which is distributed annually to schools and is available at www.kshsaa.org.
Below Are B	rief Summaries Of Selected Rules. Please See Your Principal For Complete Information.
Rule 7	<b>Physical Evaluation - Parental Consent</b> —Students shall have passed the <b>attached evaluation</b> and have the written consent of their parents or lega guardian.
Rule 14	Bona Fide Student—Eligible students shall be a bona fide undergraduate member of his/her school in good standing.
Rule 15	<b>Enrollment/Attendance</b> —Students must be regularly <b>enrolled and in attendance</b> not later than Monday of the fourth week of the semester in which they participate.
Rule 16	<b>Semester Requirements</b> —A student shall not have more than two semesters of possible eligibility in grade seven and two semesters in grade eight. It student shall not have more than eight consecutive semesters of possible eligibility in grades nine through twelve, regardless of whether the ninth grade is included in junior high or in a senior high school.
Rule 17	NOTE: If a student does not participate or is ineligible due to transfer, scholarship, etc., the semester(s) during that period shall be counted toward the total number of semesters possible. <b>Age Requirements</b> —Students are eligible if they are not 19 years of <b>age</b> (16, 15 or 14 for junior high or middle school student) on or before August 1 or
	the school year in which they compete.
Rule 19	<b>Undue Influence</b> —The use of <b>undue influence</b> by any person to secure or retain a student shall cause ineligibility. If tuition is charged or reduced, is shall meet the requirements of the KSHSAA.
Rules 20/21	Amateur and Awards Rules—Students are eligible if they have not competed under a false name or for money or merchandise of intrinsic value, and have observed all other provisions of the Amateur and Awards Rules.
Rule 22	Outside Competition—Students may not engage in outside competition in the same sport during a season in which they are representing their schoo NOTE: Consult the coach, athletic director or principal before participating individually or on a team in any game, training session, contest, or tryout conducted by an outside organization.
Rule 25	Anti-Fraternity—Students are eligible if they are not members of any fraternity or other organization prohibited by law or by the rules of the KSHSAA
Rule 26	Anti-Tryout and Private Instruction—Students are eligible if they have not participated in training sessions or tryouts held by colleges or other outside agencies or organizations in the same sport while a member of a school athletic team.
Rule 30	Seasons of Sport—Students are not eligible for more than four seasons in one sport in a four-year high school, three seasons in a three-year high school or two seasons in a two-year high school.
For Mi	ddle/Junior High and Senior High School Students to Determine Eligibility When Enrolling
If a <b>negat</b> done befo	ive response is given to any of the following questions, this enrollee should contact his/her administrator in charge of evaluating eligibility. This should be the student is allowed to attend his/her first class and prior to the first activity practice. If questions still exist, the school administrator should telephone AA for a final determination of eligibility. (Schools shall process a Certificate of Transfer Form T-E on all transfer students.)
YES	NO  Are you a bona fide student in <b>good standing</b> in school? (If there is a question, your principal will make that determination.)
2.	Did you pass at least five new subjects (those not previously passed) last semester? (The KSHSAA has a minimum regulation which requires you
3.	to pass at least five subjects of unit weight in your last semester of attendance.)  Are you planning to enroll in at least five new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight this coming semester?
	(The KSHSAA has a minimum regulation which requires you to enroll and be in attendance in at least five subjects of unit weight.)
4.	Did you <b>attend</b> this school or a feeder school in your district last semester? (If the answer is "no" to this question, please answer Sections a and b.)
	<ul><li>a. Do you reside with your parents?</li><li>b. If you reside with your parents, have they made a permanent and bona fide move into your school's attendance center?</li></ul>
authorizes eligibility. T	named student and I have read the KSHSAA Eligibility Checklist and how to retain eligibility information listed in this form. The student/paren the school to release to the KSHSAA student records and other pertinent documents and information for the purpose of determining studen he student/parent also authorizes the school and the KSHSAA to publish the name and picture of student as a result of participating in or attending cular activities, school events and KSHSAA activities or events.
c:	Section 1 to 1

Signature of student Birth Date\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_ Date

The parties to this document agree that an electronic signature is intended to make this writing effective and binding and to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature.



## KSHSAA STUDENT-ATHLETE PRE-PARTICIPATION COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE

Based on awareness of potential cardiopulmonary issues in adolescents who have had or been exposed to COVID-19, the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, the National Federation of High School Associations and the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommend a preseason screening of students prior to participating in athletics.

This questionnaire is to be completed and turned in to the school prior to the student's first sports practice (including Spirit) of the 2020-21 school year. It is recommended students/parents complete this form 1-2 weeks prior to the start of the season in case follow-up evaluation is necessary. If timing allows it should be done in conjunction with the student's pre-participation physical exam. This form is NOT intended to replace the recommended daily screening procedures for all students participating in activities.

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## KSHSAA STUDENT-ATHLETE PRE-PARTICIPATION COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE

# THIS PAGE ONLY NEEDS COMPLETED IF A "YES" ANSWER WAS PROVIDED ON ANY OF THE ITEMS ON PAGE 1.

Healthcare Provider Release Section: (Must be completed by MD, DO, DC, PA-C, APRN)
I have examined the student named on this form and reviewed the student's previous history of COVID-19 illness and/or exposure.
Student is medically eligible for all sports without restriction
Student is not medically eligible for any sports at this time
Recommendations:
Date:
Name of healthcare provider:
Signature of healthcare provider: MD, DO, DC, PA-C, APRN
Address:
Phone:

## SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONCUSSION & HEAD INJURY INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

2020 - 2021

This form must be signed by all student athletes and parent/guardians before the student participates in any athletic or spirit practice or contest each school year.

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. You can't see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

• Headaches	Amnesia
"Pressure in head"	<ul><li>"Don't feel right"</li></ul>
Nausea or vomiting	<ul> <li>Fatigue or low energy</li> </ul>
Neck pain	<ul> <li>Sadness</li> </ul>
Balance problems or dizziness	<ul> <li>Nervousness or anxiety</li> </ul>
Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision	<ul> <li>Irritability</li> </ul>
Sensitivity to light or noise	More emotional
<ul> <li>Feeling sluggish or slowed down</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Confusion</li> </ul>
Feeling foggy or groggy	<ul> <li>Concentration or memory problems</li> </ul>
Drowsiness	(forgetting game plays)
Change in sleep patterns	<ul> <li>Repeating the same question/comment</li> </ul>

Signs observed by teammates,	parents, and coaches include:
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- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly

- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit
- Can't recall events after hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

Adapted from the CDC and the 3rd International Conference in Sport

## What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns to soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one (second impact syndrome). This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents, and students is the key for student-athlete's safety.

## If You Think Your Child Has Suffered a Concussion

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO). Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. When in doubt, the athlete sits out!

## Cognitive Rest & Return to Learn

The first step to concussion recovery is cognitive rest. This is essential for the brain to heal. Activities that require concentration and attention such as trying to meet academic requirements, the use of electronic devices (computers, tablets, video games, texting, etc.), and exposure to loud noises may worsen symptoms and delay recovery. Students may need their academic workload modified while they are initially recovering from a concussion. Decreasing stress on the brain early on after a concussion may lessen symptoms and shorten the recovery time. This may involve staying home from school for a few days, followed by a lightened school schedule, gradually increasing to normal. Any academic modifications should be coordinated jointly between the student's medical providers and school personnel. No consideration should be given to returning to physical activity until the student is fully integrated back into the classroom setting and is symptom free. Rarely, a student will be diagnosed with post-concussive syndrome and have symptoms that last weeks to months. In these cases, a student may be recommended to start a non-contact physical activity regimen, but this will only be done under the direct supervision of a healthcare provider.

## **Return to Practice and Competition**

The Kansas School Sports Head Injury Prevention Act provides that if an athlete suffers, or is suspected of having suffered, a concussion or head injury during a competition or practice, the athlete must be immediately removed from the competition or practice and cannot return to practice or competition until a Health Care Professional has evaluated the athlete and provided a written authorization to return to practice and competition. The KSHSAA recommends that an athlete not return to practice or competition the same day the athlete suffers or is suspected of suffering a concussion. The KSHSAA also recommends that an athlete's return to practice and competition should follow a graduated protocol under the supervision of the health care provider (MD or DO).

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:

http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html

http://www.kansasconcussion.org/

For concussion information and educational resources collected by the KSHSAA, go to: <a href="http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/General/ConcussionGuidelines.cfm">http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/General/ConcussionGuidelines.cfm</a>

## TRANSPORTATION RELEASE FORM

## FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Notice to Parents and Guardians: From time to time private transportation may be used to transport students to and/or from some extra-curricular and co-curricular activities or field trip destinations. In such cases, parents must be responsible for ensuring that their student is following both school/district and parental guidelines. Please communicate with your student in order for him or her to know with whom he or she will be allowed to drive and/or to ride to and/or from school-related activities.

1. Student riding with other licensed drivers (other than authorized district personnel):		
I give my consent for licensed drivers (other than school-related field trips, a		(student name) to ride with other <i>ict personnel</i> ), including other students to and/or from ces.
	YES	NO
2. Student providing his/her	r own transporta	ation:
I give my consent for automobile owned or lease or practices.	ed by him/her or n	(student name) to drive an me to and/or from school-related field trips, activities,
2 Object on the control of the		
Student transporting other     I give my consent for     automobile owned or lease or practices.		(student name) to drive an me to and/or from school-related field trips, activities,
I have read and understand the above Transportation Release Form.  Parent and student have reviewed and thoroughly discussed this information.		
Parent Printed Name:		Student Printed Name:
Parent Signature:		Student Signature:
Date:		Date: