
I. PURPOSE

This policy ensures head injuries sustained while in the care of Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish are assessed and treated appropriately.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Physical Activity: Any fitness education class, sports practice or games, and/or physical activity at recess.

III. POLICY

- A. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish shall designate the following qualifications and notifications as standard protocol for addressing potential head injuries:
1. All coaches and Physical Education teachers will be qualified to appropriately respond to sports injuries in accordance with state law.
 2. As part of student registration, parent/guardian(s) must acknowledge Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish's head injury policy if their child participates in extracurricular school sports, or any physical activity during the school day.
 - a. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish will include an annual notice regarding the school's head injury policy and other information as required by LA. R.S. 40:1089.3(A)(1) prior to the start of each school year.
 - b. Parents will be required to sign a concussion and head injury information sheet annually.
 3. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish recognizes that the symptoms of a traumatic head injury include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Transient confusion, disorientation, or impaired consciousness;
 - b. Dysfunction of memory;
 - c. Loss of consciousness;
 - d. Signs of other neurological or neuropsychological dysfunction, including: seizures, lethargy, fatigue, vomiting, headache, nausea, abnormal pupils, or dizziness, etc. and
 - e. Light and noise sensitivity.
- B. In the event that a child is suspected of sustaining a head injury, the child shall:

1. Be directly removed from the physical activity;
2. Evaluated according to state law; and
3. Will not be allowed to resume the physical activity on the same day the injury occurred, and furthermore, will be barred from returning to the activity until all of the symptoms are gone and written medical clearance is provided, in accordance with state law.

Legal References:

[L.A. R.S. 40:1089.1-1089.5 \(Act No. 314\)](#) (*Concussion Act*)