



Dear Parents/Guardians and Student-Athletes,

The safety of all students is a top priority at Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. To emphasize this we are utilizing a new concussion testing program (**Sway**) that helps identify those who may have had a concussion and/or experiencing concussion symptoms. On-line form on being updated to reflect the new program. Sway will continue to assist our athletic trainer in evaluating and treating head injuries. If a student-athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition our testing protocols will be used to help determine the severity of the head injury and to assist the athletic trainer in developing the best course of care for each individual student-athlete.

A baseline evaluation will be given to athletes before the beginning of contact sport practice or competition. The test is a non-invasive, cognitive and balance assessment. The assessment will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. **This evaluation is not an IQ test** and the testing poses no risk to the athlete's health or well-being.

If a head injury is suspected, a student-athlete will have the opportunity to complete a follow-up test. The objective test data will enable physicians and athletic trainers to determine when return to play is appropriate and safe for the student-athlete. If an injury of this nature occurs, parents/guardians will be promptly notified. Our concussion testing and retesting is free of charge. Please note that all other medical treatment costs will be the responsibility of the family, similar to any other injury an athlete might sustain.

The health and safety of our student-athletes is at the forefront of the WRPS student's athletic experience.

Please visit www.wiaawi.org and click *concussion info* to learn more about concussions.

Sincerely,

Chris Feidt
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