

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In recent years, there has been a significant amount of research performed concerning sports-related concussions in high school student-athletes. Venus ISD is committed to the health and safety of our student-athletes, and has partnered with Texas Health Ben Hogan Sports Medicine. This partnership will allow Venus ISD to provide the ImPACT test for our student-athletes at **NO COST TO YOU.**

ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is a research-based software tool utilized to evaluate recovery after a concussion is suspected. ImPACT is currently being utilized by many professional, collegiate, and high school sports programs throughout the country. The exam is used to properly diagnose and manage concussions.

The test is a non-invasive computerized exam which is set up in a video game format. The test takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour to complete. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration. Essentially the **ImPACT test is a preseason physical of the brain, it is not an IQ test.**

Venus student-athletes will take a baseline exam at the start of the 2017/2018 season before beginning any contact sport practice or competition. If a concussion is suspected, the student-athlete will be required to re-take the test. Both the baseline test and the post injury test data will be evaluated by the student-athlete's physician of choice or our team physician, Dr. Michele Kirk. Through this process these health care professionals will determine when return to play is appropriate and safe for the injured student-athlete. If your student-athlete should sustain an injury of this nature you will be promptly notified.

The Venus ISD administration and athletic department are continually striving to keep your student-athlete's health and safety at the forefront of the athletic experience. We are excited to use the ImPACT program as it will provide us with the best available means of managing concussions and preventing potential brain damage that can occur with multiple concussions. All student-athletes must have a completed permission slip and have appropriate signatures before any ImPACT testing can be performed. Every student-athlete participating in sports during the 2017-2018 academic year at the high school or middle school will be required to complete the ImPACT testing before any practice or competition each student-athlete will be reevaluated every two years.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact Athletic Director Jeff Whitehall at 972-366-8815ext521 or visit the ImPACT website at www.impacttest.com./about/?concussion-Management-Model-3

PERMISSION SLIP

Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)

I have read and understood the above information and give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the ImPACT Concussion Management Program.

Printed Name of Athlete _____
Signature of Athlete _____ Date _____
Signature of Parent _____ Date _____