



WHAT TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI)



For more ideas and tips to support student with TBI visit returntoschool.org/or.

What is a TBI?

A TBI is an injury to the brain caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head, or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the normal function of the brain.

IF YOU NEED HELP:

Contact the Center on Brain Injury
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Common Symptoms of TBI

- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Irritability
- Feeling dazed or in a fog
- Disorientation
- Slowed processing
- Difficulty with:
 - learning new information
 - memory
 - concentration/attention
- Fatigue
- Headaches
- Weakness

What can Teachers do to Help?

- Provide/implement accommodations
- Give extra time on assignments, homework and tests
- Allow for breaks/rest time
- Communicate frequently with parents
- Meet with the student
- Work as a school team to develop a return to school plan