

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



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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.

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ALTSA Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

Common Symptoms of TBI

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



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

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