

# BRUISES

Bruises with the following characteristics could be a cause for concern and child abuse should be considered

- Bruises located on ears, eyes, neck, cheeks, feet, buttocks, or torso
- Bruises that are unusually large or numerous
- Clustered or patterned bruises (handprint, loop or belt marks, bite marks)
- If student comes to school with unexplained, unusual, or frequent bruising.  
See "**CHILD ABUSE.**"

- Is the student unable to move bruised area/body part?
- Does the student complain of severe pain?
- Is there rapid swelling?

NO

YES

Rest the injured part.

Apply cool compress.

Apply cool compress for up to 20 minutes.

Has the pain resolved allowing the child to return to normal activities?

NO

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.  
**URGE MEDICAL CARE.**

YES

Allow the student to return to class.

If you are unable to reach parent/guardian, **call EMS/911.**

Document care provided.