Seizure Response Protocol
*Absence Seizures (Petit Mal)*

In the event a student in your class has an absence seizure, please follow the steps below:

- No first aid is necessary
- The student may have missed material being covered in the class and may need assistance to catch up on this. Check with the student after class to make sure s/he did not miss anything crucial.
- Please allow the student to make up any missed work that is graded.
- Student may need to take a break and leave class after the seizure to rest, or the student may miss class due to a seizure prior to class.

Characteristics of absence seizures:

- Abrupt onset
- End abruptly
- Brief duration – usually seconds rather than minutes
- Prompt recovery
- Student may show no behavioral signs of a seizure
- Manifestations of the seizure are subtle and may be difficult to detect, often the student is the only one who knows a seizure has occurred
- Loss of attention and focus is the main manifestation you might observe