
HEAD INJURIES & CONCUSSIONS – SCHOOL ATHLETES

The Board recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational activities. The administration will develop and maintain a list of all activities covered by this policy and will develop specific procedures to implement the policy.

All school athletic programs in the District that could reasonably result in participants incurring head injuries and concussions will be identified by the Administration. All coaches, including volunteers, will complete all training available to them from WIAA/the District on the management of head injuries and concussions, and a copy of the certificate of training will be maintained in that coach's file.

All coaches, and volunteers, covered by this policy will comply with all the guidelines, policies and requirements promulgated by WIAA and the District for the management of head injuries and concussions.

The administration will develop informational brochures regarding the risk of head injuries and concussions and distribute them to parents and guardians of all student athletes covered by this policy each sports season. The parent or guardian and student must sign and return acknowledgment indicating they have reviewed and understand the information provided. No student can participate in any covered activity until this acknowledgment form is returned and on file with the District. The form must be signed and returned for each activity at the beginning of each season.

STUDENT SPORTS—CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURIES

The Board recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational activities. Therefore, the administration will develop and maintain a list of all activities covered by this policy and will develop specific procedures to implement the policy.

Consistent with Washington law, the District will utilize guidelines developed with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and other pertinent information to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes, and their parents and/or guardians of the nature and risk of concussions or head injuries, including the dangers associated with continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.

Annually, the District will develop informational brochures regarding the risk of head injuries and concussions and will distribute them to parents and/or guardians and student participants in competitive sport activities. The parent/guardian and student must return a signed acknowledgement indicating that they have reviewed and understand the information provided before the student participates in any covered activity. Until this acknowledgement form is returned and on file with the District, the student may not practice or compete.

All coaches, including volunteers, will complete training as required in the District procedure. Additionally, all coaches of competitive sport activities will comply with WIAA and District guidelines for the management of head injuries and concussions.



<i>CROSS REFERENCES</i>	<i>Policy 4260</i>	<i>Facility Use and Rental</i>
<i>LEGAL REFERENCES</i>	<i>RCW 28A.600</i>	<i>Students</i>
	<i>RCW 4.24.660</i>	<i>Liability of school districts under contracts with youth programs</i>
<i>MANAGEMENT RESOURCES</i>	<i>Policy News</i>	<i>August 2009, Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation</i>



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