

Concussion Management

In accordance with New York State Education Law 1709 8-a 301-b (The Concussion Management and Awareness Act) the District has established a concussion management team made up of the following individuals; Athletic Director, School Nurse, and School Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) to support the proper evaluation and management of head injuries.

While district staff will exercise reasonable care to protect students, head injuries may still occur. Physical education teachers, coaches, athletic trainers and nurses will receive annual training to recognize the signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion. Concussion information will also be available on the district website and will be provided as part of the permission slip for participation in interscholastic athletics.

Any student who sustains a head injury, is suspected of sustaining a head injury or exhibits those signs, symptoms or behaviors while participating in a school sponsored class, extracurricular activity, or interscholastic athletic activity shall be removed immediately from the game or activity and be evaluated as soon as possible by an appropriate health care professional. The School Nurse (RN) or Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) will notify the student's parents or guardians and recommend appropriate monitoring to parents or guardians.

Injuries can occur outside the school setting. If a student sustains a concussion at a time other than when engaged in a school-sponsored activity, the district expects the parent/legal guardian

to report the condition to the school nurse so that the district can support the appropriate management of the condition.

The student shall not return to school or activity until authorized to do so in writing by a licensed physician. Documentation will be retained in the student's medical file. The school's chief medical officer and the concussion management team will make the final decision on return to activity including physical education class and/or after-school sports. Any student who continues to have signs or symptoms upon return to activity must be removed from play and reevaluated by their health care provider. The RN will notify the student's teachers of the injury and the potential impact on cognitive function.

The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate district staff, including the chief school medical officer, will develop regulations and protocols to guide the return to activity.