

## Student Concussion Policy

It is the policy of the Board that the risk of student injury be considered and addressed in the planning and implementation of every student activity sponsored by the Board. The Board therefore directs and requires that before beginning practice for a school interscholastic, club, cheerleading, and intramural activity, the coach/sponsor of the activity provide the parent of each student in grades 6-12 with an information sheet on Student Concussions. Students who are eighteen (18) years of age or older must sign a form acknowledging the receipt of the information on concussions. Additionally, all students and the parents of those students in grades 6-12 who are not eighteen (18) years of age, must also sign the portion of the acknowledgement form indicating receipt of information on concussions. All high school interscholastic and intramural athletes will follow the state DOE guidelines for the management of concussions and head injuries.

The coach/sponsor/Athletic Department shall maintain an original of the signed acknowledgement for each student participant and shall not allow the student athlete to participate in the activity until the signed acknowledgement from the parent and any student is properly executed and returned.

A student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from play at the time of the injury and may not return to play until the student athlete has been seen and evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and head injuries, and the coach receives a written clearance from the licensed provider who evaluated the student athlete that the student athlete can safely return to participation in the sport or activity.

The schools shall maintain the original of the written clearance from the health care provider for the student athlete to return to play for no less than three (3) years.

The Board also directs the Superintendent to develop guidelines for educating parents and student athletes in grades K-5, Physical Education students, and students and their parents involved in any general accidents during school activities on the dangers of concussions and head injuries.