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### Student Sports – Concussion, Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Board of Directors recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational activities. The Board acknowledges that the risk of catastrophic injuries or death is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed.

Therefore, all competitive sport activities in the District will be identified by the administration and all appropriate District staff, coaches, and team volunteers will complete training as required in Procedure 3423P to recognize warning signs and symptoms of concussion and head injury. Additionally, all coaches will comply with Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) guidelines for the management of concussions and head injuries.

Consistent with Washington law, the District will utilize guidelines developed with the WIAA and other pertinent information to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes, and their parents/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 distribute a head injury and concussion information sheet to all parents/guardians of student participants in competitive sport activities.

Prior to their first use of school facilities, all private nonprofit youth programs must provide a written statement of compliance with this policy in regard to sudden cardiac arrest, concussion and head injury with proof of insurance as required by RCW 4.24.660.

#### Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Board of Directors further recognizes that sudden cardiac arrest is reported to be the leading cause of death in young athletes. An online pamphlet that provides student athletes, their parents/guardians and coaches with information about sudden cardiac arrest will be available on the District website.

Annually, prior to participating in an interscholastic athletic activity, students and their parent/guardian must review the online pamphlet and return a signed statement to the school documenting their review. This form may be combined with the annually distributed head injury and concussion information sheet referenced above.

Every three years, prior to coaching an interscholastic athletic activity, all coaches will complete the WIAA online sudden cardiac arrest prevention program and provide a certificate of completion to the District.

All coaches, including volunteer coaches, will complete training as required in the District procedure. Additionally, all coaches of competitive sport activities will comply with the District's policies and procedures and WIAA guidelines for the management of concussions, head injuries and sudden cardiac arrest.

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**Cross References:**

4260 Use of School Facilities

**Legal References:**

RCW 28A.600.190 Youth Sports – Concussions and head injury guidelines –  
Injured athlete restrictions

RCW 4.24.660 Liability of school districts under contract with youth  
programs

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