

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 123.1

Section: 100 Programs

Title: Concussion
Management and Sudden
Cardiac Arrest

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123.1 CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT AND SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes the importance of the safety of students participating in athletic programs at the School District of Philadelphia (“District”). The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance for athletes, parents/guardians, and athletic personnel about prevention, detection, and treatment of concussions and sudden cardiac arrest in students while participating in an athletic activity.

Authority

Pennsylvania law requires that each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and their parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet and the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet.[1][2]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Office of Athletics in conjunction with the Office of Student Health Services, to develop Administrative Procedures to implement this Policy, which shall include protocols for concussion management and sudden cardiac arrest.

Mandatory Regulatory Procedures

Nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge or limit any rights provided under a collective bargaining agreement or law.[1][2]

Except as provided under paragraph (2), nothing in this act shall be construed to create, establish, expand, reduce, contract, or eliminate any civil liability on the part of any school entity or school employee.[1][2]

Any coach acting in accordance with this Policy shall be immune from any civil liability.[1]

Legal References:

1. [24 P.S. 5323](#)
2. [24 P.S. 14-1425](#)

Related Information:

[Administrative Procedures for Interscholastic Athletics](#)