STUDENT SPORTS — CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURIES

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

Consistent with Washington State law, the District will utilize guidelines developed with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and other pertinent information and forms to inform and educate coaches, student 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 distribute a head injury and concussion information sheet to all parents and guardians of 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 of competitive sport activities will comply with WIAA guidelines for the management of head injuries and concussions.

Cross References:	Policy 4260	Use of School Facilities
Legal References:	RCW 28A.600	Students
	RCW 4.24.660	Liability of school districts under contract with youth programs.
Management Resources:	*Policy News,* August 2009	Concussion and Head Injuries Legislation

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