

<p>Pol. 122</p>	<p>3. Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with the school.</p>
<p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<p>4. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.</p>
<p>3. Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet</p>	<p>A student participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity and the student’s parent or guardian shall each school year, prior to participation by the student in an athletic activity, sign and return to the student’s school an acknowledgment of receipt and review of the District’s Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy, which shall include protocols for referral to the individual school Concussion Management Team (CMT) and the responsibilities therein.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines 24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p>If the student is still receiving academic adjustments of any kind due to the presence of any symptoms, he/she cannot be considered symptom free. Per the American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines, “students should be performing at their academic ‘baseline’ before returning to sports, full physical activity, or other extracurricular activities following a concussion.” Therefore, a full, successful return to learn is necessary before approval for return to play.</p>
	<p>The CMT members should advocate for academic and physical adjustments to reduce delays in the student’s return to full, unrestricted academic and athletic activities.</p> <p>Return to Learn: <u>Once a student diagnosed with a concussion has been symptom free at rest for at least 24 hours, a private medical provider may choose to clear the student to begin a graduated return to learning. The individual school’s CMT will facilitate necessary academic adjustments and reassess progress.</u></p>
	<p><u>If a student has not fully returned to learn after 30 days, the full Instructional Support Team (IST) process will be initiated.</u></p>
	<p>Informational Meeting. The school may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of each athletic season for all ages of competitors regarding concussions and other head injuries, the importance of proper concussion management, and how preseason baseline assessments can aid in the evaluation, management and recovery process. In addition to the student, parents, coaches and other school officials, informational meetings may include physicians, neuropsychologists, athletic trainers and physical therapists.</p>

<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><u>Removal From Play</u></p> <p>A student who, as determined by a game official, coach from the student’s team, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician, licensed physical therapist or other official designated by the district, exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion or traumatic brain injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed by the coach from participation at that time.</p>
<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><u>Return To Play</u></p> <p>The coach shall not return a student to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by an appropriate medical professional. The Board may designate a specific person or persons, who must be appropriate medical professionals, to provide written clearance for return to participation. In order to help determine whether a student is ready to return to participation, an appropriate medical professional may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals.</p>
<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><u>Training Course</u></p> <p>Once each school year, a coach shall complete the concussion management certification training course offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Federation of State High School Associations, or another provider approved by the Department of Health. A coach shall not coach an athletic activity until the coach completes the training course required under this subsection.</p>
<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><u>Penalties</u></p> <p>A coach found in violation of the provisions of this policy related to removal from play and return to play shall be subject to the following penalties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For a first violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season. 2. For a second violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for the next season. 3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from coaching any athletic activity.
	<p>References: Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq. Board Policy – 122, 123</p>