



PROVIDENCE HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

Management of Concussions and Traumatic Head Injuries

Board Policy

The Board recognizes the importance of providing education about concussions and head injuries for coaches, school personnel, volunteers, parents, and students, and seeks to provide a safe return to activity for all students following any injury, but particularly after a concussion or other traumatic head injury. In order to effectively and consistently manage these injuries, procedures have been developed to aid in ensuring that students with traumatic head injuries are identified, treated and referred appropriately, receive appropriate follow-up medical care during the school day, and are fully recovered prior to returning to activity.

Administration Policy

Management of concussions and traumatic head injuries at Providence Hall shall be administered in accordance with the following guidelines, and in compliance with current State law and Utah State Board of Education Rule:

Administrative Guidelines: All Sporting Events

- A.** "Sporting events" shall be defined to include games, classes, tryouts and activities that take place during the regular school day, as well as extracurricular athletic activities sponsored by the school.
- B.** Providence Hall document Guidelines for Management of Sport-Related Concussions and Head Injuries shall be followed in evaluation of head injuries and in determining appropriate action and response.
- C.** A copy of this policy, as well as the Guidelines for Management of Sport-Related Concussions and Head Injuries, shall be posted on the Providence Hall website.
- D.** All appropriate staff shall attend a yearly in-service meeting in which procedures for managing sporting event-related concussions are reviewed.
- E.** Coaches, teachers, school employees, representatives or volunteers shall remove a student from a sporting event or other physical activity, including recess, field day, or physical education class, if the student is suspected of sustaining a concussion or a traumatic head injury.
- F.** In the event a student sustains a head injury during the school day or an extracurricular athletic activity, that student's parent or guardian must be notified using the form provided by Providence Hall nursing staff.
- G.** The injured student is prohibited from continued participation in a sporting event until the student is evaluated by a trained, qualified health care professional who provides the school with a written statement stating that they have successfully completed a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of a concussion and that the student is cleared to resume participation in the sporting event.

Administrative Guidelines: School-Sponsored Extracurricular Athletic Activities

- A.** A copy of Guidelines for Management of Sport-Related Concussions and Head Injuries shall be provided to parents of students participating in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities.
- B.** The school must obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian of the child acknowledging that the parent or guardian has read, understands, and agrees to abide by the concussion and head injury policy and guidelines.
- C.** Students may not participate in a school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activity until a signed acknowledgement has been submitted by the parent or legal guardian as describe in above.