



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Students

Accidents

Concussions

The Governing Board wishes to provide a districtwide policy for the care of injured athletes who display signs and symptoms or behavior associated with a concussion. This policy has been developed to ensure that the concussed student is identified, treated and referred appropriately in order for the athlete to receive follow-up medical care and/or academic accommodations until he/she is fully recovered prior to returning to activity.

A student athlete that exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from practice or competition at the time of injury. Student shall not be permitted to return to any activity until he/she is evaluated and cleared by a Licensed Health Care Provider (LHCP), trained in the management of concussions.

When a student athlete returns to participation in an activity, a decision is made on a case by case basis that involves consultation of the student's LHCP, credentialed school nurse and the Athletic Trainer (AT).

The school maintains the right of student nonparticipation in any school related sport and/or activity regardless of LHCP clearance if the team doctor (as available), school nurse, athletic trainer, and administration determine return to the activity/sport is not advisable.

All activities requiring a sport's physical clearance prior to participation, will be considered athletes and as such be subject to the concussion policy.

DEFINITIONS:

Concussion: A type of traumatic brain injury (TBI) can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head that can change the way the brain normally works. Concussions can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head to move rapidly back and forth. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

Licensed Health Care Provider: For the purpose of this document, a Licensed Health Care Provider (LHCP) is a licensed Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions, and working within the scope of his/her practice. (AB 25)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
49475
ASSEMBLY BILL
AB25 – Hayashi

Management Resources:

California Interscholastic Federation Bylaw 313 (www.cifss.org)

Policy

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