

Concussion and Return to Play Policy

Intergenerational Schools believe that school personnel have certain responsibilities in case of accidents which occur in school. Said responsibilities extend to the administration of first aid by persons trained to do so, summoning of medical assistance, notification of administrative personnel, notification of parents, and the filing of accident reports.

Employees should administer first aid within the limits of their knowledge of recommended practices. All employees should make an effort to increase their understanding of the proper steps to be taken in the event of an accident.

The Principal and staff shall follow any administrative guidelines regarding the reporting of accidents.

On an annual basis, physical education teachers and coaches of athletics shall review the Ohio Department of Health's concussion information sheet, and parents/guardians of athletes engaged in interscholastic athletics shall be required to review and sign it for each sport or other category of interscholastic athletics prior to the student participating or practicing in said activity. The School shall insure that any interscholastic coach or individual refereeing interscholastic athletics holds a current pupil activity program permit issued under section 3313.62 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Physical education teachers and coaches of athletics shall remove from P.E. class participation or the intramural or interscholastic athletic activity any student who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury. The teacher or coach shall immediately notify the Principal or other administrator who shall notify parents or guardians about the possible concussion or head injury.

Any student who has been removed from a P.E. class, or athletic practice or competition, by a teacher, coach, or referee because s/he has exhibited signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury shall not be permitted to return to any physical activity including but not limited to P.E. class, or athletic practice or competition, for which the teacher, coach, or referee is responsible on the same day as the removal and not until both of the following occur:

- The student's condition is assessed by a physician or other licensed health care professional;
- The student receives written clearance that it is safe to return to the P.E. class, or athletic
 practice or competition, from a physician or other licensed professional who assessed the
 student's condition.

Any physician or licensed health care professional conducting an assessment and/or granting clearance for a student's return to practice or competition must meet the minimum education requirements established by rules adopted under section 3707.521 of the Ohio Revised Code by their respective licensing agencies.



In the event that a student complains of a head injury, but exhibits no symptoms, the teacher or coach shall remove the child from the activity and shall investigate the circumstances to determine whether others may have seen the head injury and shall notify the Principal or other administrator who shall notify parents or guardian about the head injury. In cases where the student does not exhibit any concussion symptoms, the Principal may require the student's parent or guardian to provide evidence that the student has been assessed by a physician or licensed health care professional and whether the student may or may not return to school or participate in physical activities. In the absence of such evidence, a symptom free student who previously complained of a head injury may be required to return to P.E. class or other activity or complete an alternative assignment in order to earn P.E. credit. R.C. 2305.23 (Good Samaritan), 3313.20, 3313.539, 3313.62