

Concussion Policy 505



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1. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Upper Grand District School Board to ensure the provision of minimized risk in elementary and secondary schools and to provide a safe environment that takes steps to reduce the risk of injury and promotes the overall well-being of students.

Concussions can have a serious effect on a young, developing brain. Proper recognition and response to concussion in the school environment can prevent further injury and can help with recovery. Children and adolescents are among those at greater risk for concussions due to body trauma at any time. Although falls and motor vehicle accidents are the leading causes of concussion, there is a heightened risk due to concussion during physical activity which includes physical education classes, playground time or sports activities.

To address this increased risk of concussions and to prevent, and identify the signs and symptoms of, concussion, the board is committed to increasing awareness for all students, staff, parents, volunteers and health care practitioners to support the proper management of concussions.

2. Details

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of the senior administration to administer this policy.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of principals to implement this policy.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of all school staff to follow this policy.
- 2.4 It is the responsibility of all school volunteers, coaches, and trainers to follow this policy.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of all sport officials (e.g., umpire, referee or judge) who reside over the field of play to follow this policy.

- 2.6 It is the responsibility of students and parents/guardians to follow the mandatory requirements as outlined in procedures manual 505-A.
- 2.7 It is the responsibility of medical professionals to be aware of this policy and determine the level of support that will be provided to the school, student and parent/guardian when a concussion is suspected or diagnosed.

3. References

This policy operates in conjunction with:

- Ministry of Education's [Policy/Program Memorandum 158, School Board Policy on Concussion](#)
- [Rowan's Law: Concussion safety](#) (Government of Ontario)
- [Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange](#) (OSBIE) incident reporting procedures and insurance audit conditions
- [Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education \(OPASSE\)](#), (formerly the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines)
- [School Guide to Concussion Management](#)
- [UGDSB Records Management Manual](#)
- Other relevant board policies