LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

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122.1 CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

1. Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of students participating in the School's activities. This policy has been developed to provide guidance for prevention, detection and treatment of concussions sustained by students while participating in a school activity.

2. Definitions
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Appropriate medical professional shall mean all of the following:

1. A licensed physician who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

2. A licensed or certified health care professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and designated by a licensed physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

3. A licensed psychologist neuropsychologically trained in the evaluation and management of concussions or who has postdoctoral training in neuropsychology and specific training in the evaluation and management of concussions.

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Athletic activity shall mean all of the following:

1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the School, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities (e.g. intramurals) sponsored by school-affiliated organizations (e.g. student government).

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2. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

Sponsor shall mean any individual appointed by the School as a paid sponsor or an unpaid volunteer sponsor.

3. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 53233.	Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Information Sheet developed by the PA Department of Health and PA Department of Education. The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director shall develop as needed administrative regulations to implement this policy, which shall include protocols for concussion management.
4. Guidelines 24 P.S. Sec. 53234.	The school may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of each athletic activity for all competitors regarding concussions and other head injuries, the importance of proper concussion management, and how baseline assessments can aid in the evaluation, management and recovery process. In addition to the students, such meetings may include parents/guardians, sponsors, other appropriate school officials, physicians, neuropsychologists, athletic trainers and physical therapists.
24 P.S. Sec. 5323	**Removal From Play** A student who, as determined by a game official, sponsor, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician, licensed physical therapist or other official designated by the School, exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion or traumatic brain injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed by the sponsor from participation at that time.
24 P.S. Sec. 5323	**Return To Play** The sponsor 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.
24 P.S. Sec. 5323	**Training** Once each school year, all sponsors shall annually, prior to sponsoring an athletic activity, complete a 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. No individual shall sponsor an athletic activity prior to timely completing the training course.

24 P.S. Sec. 5323	**Penalties** A sponsor 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: 1. For a first violation, suspension from sponsoring any athletic activity for the remainder of the school year. 2. For a second violation, suspension from sponsoring any athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for the next school year. 3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from sponsoring any athletic activity.