STUDENT SPORTS – CONCUSSION, HEAD INJURY AND SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST: 3422

Concussion and Head Injury

The Federal Way School District recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational activities. The District acknowledges that the risk of catastrophic injuries or death is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed.

Therefore, all competitive sport activities in the district will be identified by the administration and all appropriate district staff, coaches and team volunteers will complete training as required in Procedure 3422 to recognize warning signs and symptoms of concussion and head injury. Additionally, all coaches will comply with Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) guidelines for the management of concussions and head injuries.

Consistent with Washington law, the district will utilize guidelines developed by the WIAA and other pertinent information to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes, and their parents/guardians of the nature and risk of concussions or head injuries, including the dangers associated with continuing to play after a concussion or head injury. Annually, the district will distribute a head injury and concussion information sheet to all parents/guardians of student participants in competitive sport activities.

Prior to their initial use of school facilities, all private nonprofit youth programs must provide a written statement of compliance with this policy in regard to concussion and head injury with proof of insurance as required by RCW 4.24.660.

The Superintendent/designee shall establish procedures that implement this policy.

Cross Reference:	Administrative Policy – 3418	Response to Student Injury or Illness
	Administrative Policy – 4260	Use of School Facilities

Legal References:	RCW 4.24.660	Liability of School Districts under contract with youth programs
	RCW 28A.600	Students