

<p>4. Guidelines 24 P.S. Sec.5323</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Detection</p> <p>The responsible party at the event where the concussion occurred, i.e., coach/athletic trainer or school employee, shall immediately remove the student from the activity and notify school administration or designee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Treatment and Management</p> <p>The District recognizes that recovery is individualized and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. All students who are suspected of suffering a concussion or head injury should not return to a school activity until cleared in writing by a medical professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training for Staff and Coaches</p> <p>At the beginning of each school year all teaching and non-teaching staff shall complete a concussion management training course utilizing the Safe Schools online system.</p> <p>As required by state law (Act of November 2011, P.L. 411, #101), all coaches and volunteer coaches shall annually, prior to coaching 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Penalties for Staff</p> <p>A staff member found in violation of the provisions of this policy shall be subject to penalties to be determined by superintendent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Penalties for Coaches</p> <p>A coach found in violation of the provisions of this policy shall be subject to the following penalties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For a first violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season.2. For a second violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for the next season.3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from coaching any athletic activity. <p>Please refer to the Administrative Regulations for guidelines and additional important information.</p>
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References

Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5321 et seq.; Act of November 2011, P.L. 411, #101

Board Policy – 122, 123

Brain Injury Association of America, www.biausa.org

Brain Injury Association of PA, www.biapa.org

BrainSTEPS, www.brainsteps.net

CDC (Center for Disease Control), www.cdc.gov

Standard Operating Procedures- Kutztown Athletic Trainer, pp. 5-6

WebMD for concussion:

<http://www.webmd.com/brain/ss/slideshow-concussions-brain-injuries>

PA Department of Education, www.pde.state.pa.us

PA Department of Health, www.health.state.pa.us

PA Interscholastic Association (PIAA) Comprehensive Initial Pre-participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE), www.piaa.org