

THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

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STUDENT CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES

The Rye City School District recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in recreational and interscholastic sports. Concussions can happen to any student. Concussions are a type of traumatic brain injury (TBI), caused by a blow or jolt to the head that can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Coaches, nurses, physical education teachers, athletic directors and athletic trainers play a key role in helping to prevent a concussion and in managing it properly if it occurs. Consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the District has developed sport and recreational related concussion guidelines and a return to school/play protocol after a head injury has occurred.

The District shall establish a concussion management team made up of a School Nurse, Athletic Trainer, Athletic Director, a Neuropsychologist, a Principal, and the School District Physician. This team shall oversee and review all student head injuries or concussions.

Annually, all appropriate personnel will be notified and trained in the District guidelines and protocols pertaining to head injuries.

Ref: NY Education Law § 305

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