

**CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT**

The Apple Creek School District shall comply with the concussion management program requirements contained in law (NDCC 15.1-18.2). **For the purpose of implementing the concussion management program law**, the Board has established the following definitions and requirements.

- **Coach:** This term shall include those assigned coaching duties and assistant coaching duties except in the following circumstances.
  - Students serving in a coaching or assistant coaching capacity shall not have authority to determine if a student should be removed from play due to a possible concussion but are required to report any known sign, symptom, or report of a student's concussion as soon as possible to an adult official, so that a removal decision can be made.
  - Students serving in a coaching or assistant coaching capacity are not authorized to receive documentation from a health care provider authorizing a player to return to play. Such authorization must be provided to an adult coach.
  
- **Health care provider:** In order to qualify as a health care provider who can examine a concussion and authorize an athlete's return to play, an individual must be authorized to diagnosis and treat concussions. This excludes healthcare workers such as, but not limited to, EMTs, nursing assistants/aides, licensed practical nurses, and registered nurses.
  
- **Official:** The District shall comply with the definition of an official under law, but shall exclude from this definition, students and minors serving in an officiating capacity.
  
- **Parent:** Includes biological parent and/or legal guardians.
  
- **School-sanctioned athletic activity** is a sport that:
  - a. Is not part of the district's curricular or extracurricular program;
  - b. Is established by a sponsor to serve in the absence of a district program;
  - c. Receives district support in multiple ways (i.e., not school facility use alone);
  - d. Requires participating students to regularly practice or train **and** compete.
  - e. The District has officially recognized through board action as a school-sanctioned activity;

The Board shall make all sanctioning decisions on a case-by-case basis based on the criteria in this paragraph. As a condition of receiving school sanctioning, sponsors of the athletic activity shall agree to comply with this policy and the concussion management law. This includes agreeing to provide appropriate training to each coach, official, and athletic trainer as required by law and providing appropriate information to parents and students as required by law. The sponsor shall provide to the District documentation certifying that this

training has occurred and students/parents have viewed required informational material on concussions prior to beginning the activity.

- School-sponsored athletic activity is a sport that the District has approved through policy or other board action for inclusion in the district's extracurricular program, is controlled and funded primarily by the District, and requires participating students to regularly practice or train **and** compete.

The concussion management program shall contain all components required by law. It shall be placed in an administrative regulation and will be published in student and staff handbooks.

**Complementary Documents**

FCAF-AR, Concussion Management Program

**POLICY ADOPTED: 09Jan12**

**POLICY AMENDED:**