

Effective Date: 9/11/12	500-27 Concussion Policy
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The Duluth Public Schools Academy Charter School District 4020-07, has adopted the following written Concussion Policy in order to provide coaches, officials, and student athletes and their parents or guardians about the nature and risks of concussions. Moreover, DPSA desires to inform all stakeholders that it is committed to making accessible information regarding:

- A. The nature and risks of concussions associated with athletic activity;
- B. The signs, symptoms, and behaviors consistent with a concussion;
- C. The need to alert appropriate medical professionals for urgent diagnosis and treatment when a youth athlete is suspected or observed to have received a concussion; and
- D. the need for a youth athlete who sustains a concussion to follow proper medical direction and protocols for treatment and returning to play.

Anyone desiring information regarding the risks, effects, and/or protocols in place at DPSA can find the concussion training information on the school's website in the extracurricular, sports section.

I. Concussion Training

In order to ensure the safety of all student athletes, DPSA shall require all participating coaches and officials to receive initial online training and take online training at least once every three years thereafter. Coaches and officials shall take said training through the Concussion and Youth Sports online training program available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

II. Removal of Any Student Athlete Presenting Symptoms or Suspected of Having Sustained a Concussion

Any coach or official shall immediately remove a student athlete from participating in any youth athletic activity when the student athlete exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion OR is suspected of sustaining a concussion.

III. Return to Athletic Activity Post-Injury

When a coach or official has removed a student athlete from participating in a youth athletic activity because of a concussion, the student athlete may not again participate in the activity or any other athletic activity until the student athlete no

longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion AND is evaluated by a provider trained and experienced in evaluating and managing concussions and the provider gives the student athlete written permission to again participate in the activity.