

**Management of Sports Related Concussions Policy**

I. Board Philosophy: The Talbot County Board of Education (TCBOE) recognizes that a concussion is a serious brain injury that may occur during practices or games in any sport or recreational activity. The TCBOE also recognizes that a concussion can affect a student's ability to do school work and to participate in extra-curricular activities. Thus, the TCBOE is committed to providing school environments that promote children's health, well being, and safety by supporting the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSA), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) protocols established for concussion management in sports. Therefore it is the policy of Talbot County Public Schools that:

A. The district will require all TCPS interscholastic athletic coaches to complete the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) on-line concussion training annually.

B. All physical education teachers PK-12 will be required to complete the Safe Schools on-line concussion training annually.

C. Student athletes who have sustained a concussion will receive standard academic accommodations as recommended by the assessing licensed health care provider.

D. The TCBOE requires that student-athletes, parent/guardians and relevant school personnel receive written and oral concussion and risk management information.

E. The TCBOE will require that any youth sports program seeking to use school facilities must verify distribution of concussion information to parents or guardians and receive verifiable acknowledgement of receipt. In addition, each youth sports program will annually affirm to the local school system of their intention to comply with the concussion information procedures.

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