

RESPONSE TO SUSPECTED CONCUSSIONS

This policy discusses Colorado Springs School District 11's (the District's) response to students suspected of suffering a concussion. The District supports the need to ensure that District staff, students and the community are aware of the seriousness of brain injuries and concussions.

I. It is the policy of the District that:

A. As it applies to District/school athletic events or activities as defined in C.R.S. 25-43-101 through 103 (the Jake Snakenburg Youth Concussion Act), students participating in a District/school event or activity shall be evaluated for concussions in the event of known head injury;

B. All students who appear to have sustained a concussion, at a District event or not, shall be given support and encouragement to engage a health care professional who is experienced in evaluating and treating concussion injuries and appropriate information to help them identify one;

C. All students who have been diagnosed with or appear to have sustained a concussion, whether at a District event or not, shall be given appropriate time to heal prior to returning to physical or cognitive activities and shall be comprehensively supported until they are symptom free;

D. District events shall include any school or school-sponsored activity.

II. The Superintendent shall ensure that regulations are prepared that address concussion evaluation and management. The regulations shall identify the training required for certain District employees. Education shall include, but not be limited to, signs and symptoms of a concussion, danger signals, recovery protocols, and the importance of cognitive rest during recovery.

The District Athletic Director and the K – 12 Executive Director are responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy. Because of the rapid growth in research and awareness within the medical community, the Directors are responsible for reviewing this policy and accompanying regulations on an annual basis.

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CROSS REFS.: JLCG-R, Regulation to Policy JLCG, Response to Suspected Concussions/Student Athletes
JLCG-R-2, Regulation to Policy JLCG, Response to Suspected Concussions/Students

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 25-43-101 through 103 (the Jake Snakenburg Youth Concussion Act)