

Policy for: HEAD INJURIES AND CONCUSSIONS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES		Revision 0
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The Administration of the Needham Public Schools (NPS) shall ensure compliance with the policy and procedures developed in adherence to 105 CMR 201.000: *Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Activities*. To prevent complications and promote proper diagnosis, management, and optimal recovery from head injuries or concussions, the procedures ensure that the required documentation of physical examination, history of head injuries or concussions, and medical evaluation and clearance are completed. The procedures adhere to prevention, education, training, post concussion response and management, academic accommodations, and plans for graduated return to full academic and extracurricular athletic activities, in accordance with 105 CMR 201.000.

The superintendent shall designate the Director of Athletics and Director of School Health Services to be responsible for the implementation of the policy and procedures. The Director of Guidance, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Director of Wellness, School Physician, Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), and School Nurses will collaborate in the development, implementation, and bi-annual evaluation of the procedures as required by 105 CMR 201.000 for the prevention and management of student head injuries and concussions in extracurricular athletic activities. Information about head injuries and concussions, with reference to the policy and procedures, will be included in the schools' handbooks, websites, and the Needham High School student-athletic handbook.

Legal References

- An Act Relative to Safety Regulations for School Athletic programs, Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) chapter 111, section 222
- Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Activities, 105 CMR 201.000
- Physical Examination of School Children, with 105 CMR 200.000:
- American with Disabilities Act and Section 504