



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Concussion Policy

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board recognizes the importance of the health, safety and overall well-being of its students as essential conditions for effective learning. As such, the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed to providing a safe environment for all students that takes steps to reduce the risk of injury and promotes the overall well-being of all students.

The Board recognizes the serious effect that a concussion can have on a student's developing brain and that proper recognition and response to concussion in the school environment can prevent further injury and aid in recovery. The Board recognizes that children and adolescents are among those at greater risk for concussions due to body trauma at any time, including the heightened risk associated with physical activity, (curricular, intramural and interschool).

To address this increased risk of concussions and to prevent and identify the signs and symptoms of concussion, the Board, as outlined in the Ontario Ministry of Education (the "Ministry") Policy/Program Memorandum No.158 will address the development and implementation of the concussion protocol throughout our system.

Guiding Principles

- Students will enjoy a safe physical environment (curricularly, intramurally and interschool).
- Students and parents will be included in the awareness, prevention, identification, management and training related to concussions.
- Every student is supported and inspired to succeed in a culture of high expectations for learning and their individual needs are met.
- Effective and meaningful school-community partnerships are an essential component of an effective protocol for concussion management and therefore will include an ongoing relationship with local public health units and co-terminus boards.
- Principals, teachers, coaches and parents will have specific responsibilities in the management, prevention and identification of concussions.

References

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board Mission Statement

The Education Act,

Ontario Ministry of Education, PPM 158, School Board Policies on Concussion

Ontario Physical Education Safety Association, Safety Guidelines, Concussion Protocol

KFL&A Public Health Unit Resources

Administrative Procedures

Concussions Administrative Procedures

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