



<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility 24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p>Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury as defined in Section 3 of the current PIAA CIPPE form and the ESASD Concussion Management Protocol.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy, which shall include protocols for concussion management.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines 24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p>The school may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of each athletic season for all competitors regarding concussions and other head injuries, the importance of proper concussion management, and how preseason baseline assessments can aid in the evaluation, management and recovery process. In addition to the student athletes, such meetings may include parents/guardians, coaches, other appropriate school officials, physicians, neuropsychologists, athletic trainers and physical therapists.</p>
<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p>ESASD student-athletes grades 7-12 who participate in <del>contact or collision</del> <u>interscholastic</u> sports offered by ESASD will be baseline tested by athletic medical personnel prior to <u>the first date of official competition.</u> <del>participation in sport. Collision sports according the PIAA include: Football and Wrestling. Contact Sports according to the PIAA include: Baseball, Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field, and Volleyball.</del></p> <p><u>Removal From Play</u></p> <p>A student-athlete suspected of a concussion will be evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and/or physician/designee. Evaluation tools may include using a sideline assessment tool such as the Standardized Concussion Assessment Tool (ie. SCAT <del>3</del><u>6</u>) and BESS test. If a team physician is present, the student-athlete may be evaluated by the team physician. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and coaches are not expected to diagnose a concussion; however, they must be aware of the signs/symptoms, and behaviors of a possible concussion.</p> <p>Parents and/or guardians of the student-athlete must be notified as soon as possible and provided with the necessary information related to the concussion. Student-athletes presenting signs and symptoms of concussion are to be referred to a physician/designee for further evaluation. In addition, the student-athlete will not be able to drive him/herself home.</p>
<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><u>Return To Play</u></p> <p>The student-athlete (grades 7-12) will take a post injury neurological test, preferably within 24-72 hours of the initial concussive injury. <u>Once written documentation of a medical clearance is received from a physician (MD/DO) and/or concussion specialty clinic, in conjunction with completing the stepwise return to sport (RTS) protocol, the student-athlete may return to full athletic activity.</u> <del>Once written documentation of a medical clearance is received from a physician/designee and a passing post injury ImPact test, as interpreted by the physician/designee, and/or</del></p>

<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><del>SCAT 3 is achieved, the student athlete may begin his/her stepwise progressive physical activity program as per Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Sports Medicine Guidelines Return to Play Protocol.</del></p> <p><u>Training</u></p> <p>All coaches shall annually, prior to coaching an athletic activity, complete <u>an online concussion management certification training course (i.e. Concussionwise) offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Federation of State High School Associations or another provider approved by the Department of Health</u>. A certificate of completion must be printed out and submitted to the athletic office prior to the start of the athletic season.</p>
<p>24 P.S. Sec. 5323</p>	<p><u>Penalties</u></p> <p>A coach found in violation of the provisions of this policy related to removal from play and return to play shall be subject to the following penalties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For a <b>first</b> violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season.</li> <li>2. For a <b>second</b> violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for the next season.</li> <li>3. For a <b>third</b> violation, permanent suspension from coaching any athletic activity.</li> </ol> <p>References:</p> <p>Safety In Youth Sports Act – 24 P.S. Sec. 5322, 5323 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 122, 123</p>