

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS POLICY

Participation in athletic head injury safety training program shall be required annually of coaches, trainers and parent volunteers for any extracurricular athletic activity; physicians and nurses who are employed by a school or school district or who volunteer to assist with an extracurricular athletic activity; school athletic directors; directors responsible for a school marching band; and a parent or legal guardian of a child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

1. current training in recognizing the symptoms of potentially catastrophic head injuries, concussions and injuries related to second impact syndrome; and
2. providing students that participate in any extracurricular athletic activity, including membership in a marching band, the following information annually:
 - (a) a summary of department rules and regulations relative to safety regulations for students participation in extracurricular athletic activities, including the medical protocol for post-concussion participation or participation in an extracurricular athletic activity;
 - (b) written information related to the recognition of symptoms of head injuries, the biology and the short-term and long-term consequences of a concussion.

The department shall develop forms on which students shall be instructed to provide information relative to any sports head injury history at the start of each sports season. These forms shall require the signature of both the student and the parent or legal guardian thereof. Once complete, the forms shall be forwarded to all coaches prior to allowing any student to participate in an extracurricular athletic activity so as to provide coaches with up-to-date information relative to an athletes head injury history and to enable coaches to identify students who are at greater risk for repeated head injuries.

If a student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity becomes unconscious during a practice or competition, the student shall not return to the practice or competition during which the student became unconscious or participate in any extracurricular athletic activity until the student provides written authorization for such participation, from a licensed physician, licensed neuropsychologist, certified athletic trainer or other appropriately trained or licensed health care professional as determined by the department of public health, to the schools athletic director. If a student suffers a concussion as diagnosed by a medical professional, or is suspected to have suffered a concussion while participating in an extracurricular athletic activity, the student shall not return to the practice or competition during which the student suffered, or is suspected to have suffered, a concussion and shall not participate in any extracurricular athletic activity until the student provides written authorization for such participation, from a licensed physician, licensed neuropsychologist, certified athletic trainer or other appropriately trained or licensed health care professional as determined by the department of public health, to the schools athletic director.

A coach, trainer or volunteer for an extracurricular athletic activity shall not encourage or permit a student participating in the activity to engage in any unreasonably dangerous athletic technique that unnecessarily endangers the health of a student, including using a helmet or any other sports equipment as a weapon.

The superintendent of the school district or the director of a school shall maintain complete and accurate records of the districts or schools compliance with the requirements of this section. A school that fails to

comply with this section, as determined by the department, shall be subject to penalties as determined by the department.

A person who volunteers to assist with an extracurricular athletic activity shall not be liable for civil damages arising out of any act or omission relating to the requirements of this section, unless such person is willfully or wantonly negligent in his act or omission.