

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD POLICY MANUAL
POLICY GROUP 3 – STUDENTS
CONCUSSION & OTHER BRAIN INJURY RESPONSE POLICY

PG-3.318

Sec. 1. CONCUSSION RESPONSE POLICY

a) *Policy*

IDEA Public Schools shall adopt and implement a policy regarding how to respond to a concussion believed to have been sustained by a student while on school property or participating in a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property.

It is IDEA's policy to:

1. Immediately remove a student from a school-sponsored or school-related activity if a school employee or volunteer believes the student might have sustained a concussion;
2. Provide notice to the student's parent or guardian or another person with legal authority to make medical decisions for the student of the student's suspected concussion and removal; and
3. Allow the student to return to a school-sponsored or school-related activity only after the requirements under Education Code 38.157(a) have been satisfied.

Education Code 38.173.

b) *Scope*

This Policy does not apply to a concussion believed to have been sustained by a student while participating in an interscholastic athletic activity, including practice and competition, sponsored or sanctioned by:

1. A school district, including a home-rule school district, or a public school, including any school for which a charter has been granted under Chapter 12; or
2. The University Interscholastic League.

Education Code 38.172.

For concussions sustained in interscholastic athletic activities described above, see Board Policy PG-3.506.

Sec. 2. ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

IDEA may provide nonmedical academic accommodations to a student diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury in accordance with the list of accommodations and form developed by the Texas Education Agency (the "Agency").

If IDEA provides such accommodations, IDEA shall make the form developed by the Agency available to:

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1. A school employee as soon as practicable after receiving:
 - a. Notice that a student enrolled in the district has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury; or
 - b. A request from the employee; and
2. A student enrolled in the School or the student's parent or guardian as soon as practicable after receiving:
 - a. Notice that the student has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury; or
 - b. A request from the student or parent or guardian.

Education Code 38.0051.

Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

IDEA shall formally adopt administrative procedures as reasonably necessary to properly administer this policy and to adhere to applicable law and rule. In doing so, IDEA shall not adopt, and are prohibited from adopting, an administrative procedure that conflicts with applicable law or this policy. Accordingly, IDEA shall confer with the Board or legal counsel before deviating from the requirements set forth in this policy. In the event that a deviation from this policy becomes necessary, IDEA shall either recommend an amendment to this policy or the Board's approval of a specific deviation, including the purpose, scope and duration of the requested deviation.

Sec. 4. DATE ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE

As set forth in the pertinent minutes to the meeting of the Board, the Board amended this policy on October 8, 2025, and it became effective on October 8, 2025.

Sec. 5. RETENTION

This policy shall be retained until superseded, expired, or discontinued and for five (5) years thereafter in accordance with state law.

Sec. 6. CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the Board Policy relating to the Concussion & Other Brain Injury Response Policy, as originally adopted by the Board on October 8, 2025, which Policy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.

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Signed by:

Eduardo Rivera

Ed Rivera, Secretary

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