

Eagle Butte School District	NEPN Code: IGDJ
Policy Manual	

CONCUSSION AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

The school board is committed to providing all students with safe learning environment. In recognition of the risks that concussions pose to our student athletes, the school district will provide appropriate concussion awareness education and prevention programs.

AWARENESS

The district will use guidelines developed by the South Dakota High School Activities Association and South Dakota Department of Education to educate coaches, student athletes, and parents of the nature and risks of concussions.

TRAINING

Each year, every athletic coach, including volunteer coaches, shall complete a training program to provide continuing education on the risks and management of concussions. No coach shall be allowed to participate in any way in the district's athletic program until the individual provides to the district verification that he or she has completed the required training.

RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during a practice or competition shall be removed from participation at that time. Any athlete who has been removed from participation during a practice or competition based on a suspected concussion may not participate in practice or competition until the athlete no longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion and has received written clearance from a licensed health care provider.

For the purposes of this policy, a licensed health care provider is:

1. Registered, certified, licensed, or otherwise recognized in law by the State of South Dakota to provide medical treatment; and
2. Trained and experienced in the evaluation, management, and care of concussions.

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