

New Story Schools of Ohio 2024-2025: Concussion/Head Injury Policy

Policy Statement:

New Story Schools is committed to the health and safety of its students and recognizes the importance of addressing concussions and head injuries in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3707.511. This policy is designed to ensure a standardized and effective response to concussions and head injuries.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students, staff, and volunteers on the premises of New Story Schools.

Definitions:

Concussion: A type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that can change the way the brain normally works.

Head Injury: Any injury to the head, including but not limited to concussions.

Guidelines:

Concussion Education:

All school staff, including teachers, teacher support, and administrators, will receive education on recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussions.

Students and parents/guardians will also receive information on concussions and the importance of reporting head injuries promptly.

Removal from Play/Class:

Any student suspected of having a concussion during a school will be immediately removed from play or class.

Parent/Guardian Notification:

Parents/guardians will be promptly notified to pick up their child if suspected of having a concussion.

Information about the signs and symptoms of concussions and the importance of seeking medical evaluation will be provided.

Medical Evaluation:

Students suspected of having a concussion must undergo a medical evaluation by a healthcare professional experienced in concussion management.

Students will only be allowed to return to school after receiving written clearance from a healthcare professional.

Academic Accommodations:

Academic accommodations will be provided to students recovering from concussions, including adjustments to assignments, exams, and other academic activities, pursuant to written recommendations from the student's physician.

Review and Updates:

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness. Updates may be made as needed to align with best practices and any changes in CDC guidelines or regulations. Feedback from stakeholders will be considered during the review process to enhance the effectiveness of the policy.