



Title: **STUDENT CONCUSSION
PROTOCOL**

Procedure No.: **4004**
Effective Date: 2015 February 10

Department: Learning Support Services

Reference(s): - Ministry of Education PPM No. 158 September 2019
- OPHEA – Ontario Physical and Health Education Association Safety Guidelines, 2019
- OPHEA concussion protocol <http://safety.ophea.net>
- Ontario Government web portal ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-awareness-resources#section-4

It is the policy of the Board to promote awareness of safety in schools and recognize that the health and safety of students are essential preconditions of effective learning. All partners in education, including school boards, administrators, educators, school staff, students, parents, school volunteers and community organizations have important roles to play in promoting student health and safety and in fostering and maintaining healthy and safe environments in which all students can learn.

It is very important to students' long-term health and academic success that individuals in schools have information on appropriate strategies to minimize risk of concussion, steps to follow if they suspect that a student may have a concussion, and effective management procedures to guide students' return to learning and physical activity after a diagnosed concussion.

This policy adheres to the standards established by the **Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA) concussion protocol.**

1.0 The Board's system strategy shall include:

- concussion awareness strategies;
- concussion awareness training;
- concussion prevention strategies;
- identification of suspected concussion;
- return to school plans;
- concussion tracking.

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2.0 The Board commits to ensuring that:

- 2.1 Information on concussion awareness, prevention, identification, and management is accessible to all board employees, school administrators and staff, students, parents, school volunteers and community-based organizations.
- 2.2 Every school follows a concussion management plan that is consistent with the Board policy.
- 2.3 Regular and ongoing training for all school administration, staff and volunteers is provided and monitored.