

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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**Responsible Office:** OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

### SUSPECTED HEAD INJURIES AND CONCUSSIONS

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide necessary information for health and school staff to identify and manage a student with a suspected head injury and/or concussion in compliance with the Education Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

#### B. ISSUE

The Board of Education recognizes that the safety of its students is paramount. There are students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) who sustain head injuries and/or concussions through various activities. In order to provide a safe environment for its students, it is important the school system develop a comprehensive plan including education, prevention, recognition, and management of any student suspected of having a head injury and/or concussion.

#### C. POSITION

1. Anne Arundel County Public Schools shall comply with the Maryland State Department of Education's Regulations on Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Events.
2. School administrators, staff, and the school health professional shall work collaboratively to ensure all students, whether involved in extracurricular activities or not, suspected of a head injury and/or concussion receive appropriate academic accommodations, parent and school staff notifications and managed care consistent with the Maryland State Department of Education's Regulations on Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Events.
3. In cases involving a student athlete, appropriate staff members shall follow the AACPS Suspected Head Injury Guidelines for Athletics and Regulations implementing this Policy.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

**Policy History:** Adopted on 02/05/14.

**Note previous policy history:** none.