

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School**  
**Policy S31: CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**Adopted: October 22, 2020**

1. Prior to the beginning of each season of any extracurricular athletic activity, all parents or legal guardians of participating students shall be provided an information sheet informing them of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury.
2. If a student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity exhibits symptoms of having a concussion, he or she shall be removed from the activity and be examined by a healthcare provider.
3. If a student is deemed by a healthcare provider to have sustained a concussion, the coach or other designated personnel shall not permit the student to return to play until he or she receives clearance from a health care provider for a full or graduated return to play.
4. As used in this policy, a “health care provider” means a licensed physician or another licensed individual under a physician’s supervision, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.
5. Coaches, employees, and other designated individuals supervising extracurricular athletic activities are expected to use their training, personal judgment and discretion in implementing this policy.
6. This policy is not intended to create any liability for, or create a cause of action against the Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter School Board or its officers, employees, volunteers or other designated individuals for any act or omission to act related to the removal or non-removal of a student from an extracurricular athletic activity.
7. The Board authorizes the School Leader to direct the development of administrative regulations and/or guidelines needed to implement this policy.