

<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u>	
<u>BOARD POLICY</u>	
Board Policy Number:	6.57
Subject: Reference:	Concussions Policy 1.05 Accidents and Illness GAP 549.00: Concussions GAP 502.10: Safety of Pupils: Head Injuries First Aid Response GAP 801.00: Out-of School Programs (Excursions) GAP 519.01: Board Insurance Incident Reports GAP 101.02: Student Accidents
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“The Law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.”

Psalm 19:8

1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to promoting awareness of safety in schools and reducing the risk of injury, and recognizes that the health and well-being of students are essential preconditions for effective learning. Furthermore, DPCDSB recognizes that children and adolescents are among those at greatest risk for concussions. While there is potential for a concussion any time there is body trauma, the risk is greatest during activities where collisions can occur, such as during physical education classes, playground time, or school-based sports activities.
2. Increasing awareness of conditions to prevent and identify symptoms related to concussions will support the proper management of concussions, reducing increased risk. Concussion awareness resources, concussion code of conduct, and training for staff will be reviewed on an annual basis.
3. Consistent with the duties of a principal as set out in the *Education Act* and its Regulations, and as required by Policy and Program Memorandum No. 158, this policy authorizes the creation and implementation of a General Administrative Procedure (GAP) with respect to concussion prevention, support, and documentation.
4. GAP 549.00: Concussions includes the requirements described in Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memoranda, as matters of policy. Contents of GAP 549.00 shall be considered as guidelines pursuant to the *Education Act* and other relevant and/or Ministry of Education materials, all of which are sufficient for the purposes of implementing the requirements of Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memoranda.

References:

- *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E-2
- Ministry of Education, Policy/Program Memorandum 158: School Board Policies on Concussion
- OPHEA Guidelines