

<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u>	
<u>POLICY</u>	
BOARD POLICY NUMBER:	P-4005
SUBJECT:	Concussions
REFERENCE:	P-4001 Accidents and Illness GAP4004 Concussions GAP3016 Educational Excursions GAP4006 : Board Insurance - Incident Reports GAP4003 : Student Accidents, Injuries, and Illnesses
EFFECTIVE DATE:	February 24, 2015
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“The Law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.”

Psalms 19:8

1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) recognizes that the health and well-being of students are essential preconditions for effective learning. Therefore, DPCDSB is committed to promoting awareness of safety in schools and reducing the risk of injury, including concussions.
2. 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.
3. Increased awareness of conditions to prevent concussions and identification of symptoms related to concussions will support the proper management of concussions, and reduce risk. Concussion awareness resources, the concussion code of conduct, and training for staff will be reviewed on an annual basis.
4. Consistent with the duties of a Principal as set out in the *Education Act* and its Regulations, and as required by *Policy/ Program Memorandum (PPM) 158 School board policies on concussion*, this policy authorizes the creation and implementation of a General Administrative Procedure (GAP) with respect to concussion prevention, support, and documentation.
5. [GAP4004 Concussions](#) includes the requirements described in the Ministry of Education PPM, as matters of policy. Contents of [GAP4004](#) 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 PPM 158.
6. References:
 - *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E-2
 - Ministry of Education, *Policy/Program Memorandum 158: School board policies on concussion*
 - OPHEA Guidelines