

Sudden Cardiac Arrest**Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention**

The Board of Education (Board) recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of students participating in the District's intramural and interscholastic athletic programs. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for the prevention and recognition of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes.

For purposes of this policy, "intramural or interscholastic athletics" shall include any activity sponsored by the District, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 10-15f, or an organization sanctioned by the District that involves any athletic contest, practice, scrimmage, competition, demonstration, display, or club activity.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Program

Any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the Connecticut State Board of Education (SBE) and is a coach of District intramural or interscholastic athletics shall annually review the sudden cardiac arrest awareness education program developed or approved by the SBE prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the season of each intramural or interscholastic athletics.

Consent Form Requirement

Prior to participation in an athletic activity, parents/guardians of students participating in intramural or interscholastic athletics shall sign and return to the coach the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Informed Consent Form.

Removal from Play

A student who, as determined by the coach of any intramural or interscholastic athletics, game official, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician, or other designated athletic official, exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a sudden cardiac arrest shall be removed by the coach from participating in any intramural or interscholastic athletics.

Any student known to have exhibited signs or symptoms of cardiac arrest prior to or following an athletic activity shall be prevented from participating in athletic activities.

Return to Play

Prior to participation, the coach shall not return a student who previously exhibited warning signs of cardiac arrest to participate in any intramural or interscholastic athletics until the student receives written clearance to participate in athletics from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or an advance practice registered nurse.

Penalties

A coach found in violation of this policy, duties or obligations under any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, Connecticut state agencies regulations or a collective bargaining agreement may be permanently suspended from coaching any intramural or interscholastic athletic activity.

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

4116.2(b)

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-145b(i)
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-149f
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-149g
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212d
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-235
 Public Act 14-93

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