

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy Manual**

**Policy Identification**

**Priority:** Healthy Responsible Students

**Category:** Student Health Issues

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**Policy Title:** Return-to-Learn After Concussion

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**Other Historical Information:**

**Statutory Reference:** GS 115C-12(12)

**Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:**

Concussion Monitoring: Return to Learn

- (a) Each Local Education Agency (LEA) and charter school must develop a plan for addressing the needs of students preschool through twelfth grade suffering concussions. The plan must include:
- 1) guidelines for removal of a student from physical and mental activity when there is suspicion of concussion;
  - 2) a notification procedure to education staff regarding removal from learn or play;
  - 3) expectations regarding annual medical care update from parents, medical care plan/school accommodations in the event of concussion; and
  - 4) delineation of requirements for safe return-to-learn or play following concussion.
- (b) In accordance with the LEA or charter school plan, each school must appoint a team of people responsible for identifying the return-to-learn or play needs of a student who has suffered a concussion. This team may include the student, student's parent, the principal, school nurse, school counselor, school psychologist, or other appropriate designated professional.
- (c) Each LEA and charter school must provide information and staff development on an annual basis to all teachers and other school personnel in order to support and assist students who have sustained a concussion in accordance with their learning and

behavioral needs. This annual training should include information on concussion and other brain injuries, with a particular focus on return-to-learn issues and concerns.

- (d) Each LEA and charter school will include in its annual student health history and emergency medical information update a question related to any head injury/concussion the student may have incurred during the past year.

This plan shall be implemented at the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic school year.