

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3	NEPN Code: JECC
STUDENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

CONCUSSION POLICY

The Marion School Board recognizes the risks associated with playing contact sports and other extra-curricular activities. One of those risks is the potential for concussions. The Marion School District requires that all students and parents/guardians read and sign the Concussion Fact Sheet (JECC-F) prior to participation.

The Marion School District will offer ImPACT testing (or other valid test) at the beginning of each school year in an effort to provide licensed health care providers the necessary pre-concussion (baseline) information. ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. ImPACT Testing can then be administered again after a suspected concussion to determine when it is safe for an athlete to participate again.

Developed in the early 1990's by Drs. Mark Lovell and Joseph Maroon, ImPACT is a 20-minute test that has become a standard tool used in comprehensive clinical management of concussions for athletes of all ages. ImPACT Applications, Inc. was co-founded by Mark Lovell, PhD, Joseph Maroon, MD, and Michael (Micky) Collins, PhD.

Given the inherent difficulties in concussion management, it is important to manage concussions on an individualized basis and to implement baseline testing and/or post-injury neurocognitive testing. This type of concussion assessment can help to objectively evaluate the concussed athlete's post-injury condition and track recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of concussion. In fact, neurocognitive testing has recently been called the "cornerstone" of proper concussion management by an international panel of sports medicine experts.

ImPACT can be administered by an athletic trainer, school nurse, athletic director, team coach, team doctor, or anyone trained to administer baseline testing. ImPACT is the most widely used computer-based testing program in the world and is implemented effectively across high school, collegiate, and professional levels of sport participation.

Prior to return to competition from a suspected concussion, the Return to Competition Form (JECC-E) must be signed by a licensed Health Care Professional.

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