

STUDENT WELFARE 4200

**STUDENT INJURY PREVENTION DURING
CURRICULAR AND/OR CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES 4210**

1. Rationale

Student safety and well-being encourages the development of a culture of safety-mindedness. Student injury prevention is key to student success and well-being. School and system leaders have both a pivotal role and a legislative responsibility for the safety and well-being of students.

A comprehensive approach to student injury prevention includes establishing policies and procedures that increase awareness and help reduce the risk of injury including, but not limited to, concussions, burns, fractures, etc., during curricular or co-curricular activities.

2. Policy

Health and safety is a joint responsibility of staff and students. Under the *Education Act*, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has certain responsibilities for student safety.

While it must be acknowledged that there is always the potential for accidents and injuries to take place, all staff shall take reasonable precautions to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students during curricular and/or co-curricular activities.

The SCDSB shall ensure that student injury prevention strategies, procedures, guidelines, and student safety protocols are provided, maintained, and revised as required.

3. Guidelines

Staff are responsible for encouraging safety awareness, knowledge, and appropriate behaviour during curricular and/or co-curricular activities by:

- 3.1 reviewing relevant safety and emergency procedure(s) with students for the subject area (e.g., physical education, arts, science, and technology);
- 3.2 reviewing the possible causes of injury, including concussions, fractures, and burns etc., and discussing strategies to prevent or minimize the risk of occurrence within the respective subject area.
 - 3.2.1 Staff shall review the equipment safety requirements for their subject area to ensure their safety and the safety of others; and,
- 3.3 encouraging students to reference the resources they are provided to promote awareness and safety mindedness.

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4. Administrative procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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