

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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*NAC Chapter 385.XXX*

*The Nevada Department of Education will prescribe a policy concerning the treatment of head injuries that affect the ability of a pupil to learn and otherwise engage with their coursework at school, including, without limitation, a concussion to the brain. The policy;*

- *Requires the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) in collaboration with the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA), the Chief Medical Officer and other subject matter experts to create a model protocol for pupils who have sustained or are suspected of having sustained a head injury, to return to learn, regardless of the location where the pupil sustained the injury, that includes without limitation:*
  - *Ensure that each school district, the governing body of each charter school and the governing body of each university school for profoundly gifted pupils, as applicable, will have a protocol that will include the following:*
    - *Ensure that the school will notify the pupil's parent or legal guardian of the sustained or suspected head injury;*
      - *The parent or legal guardian of the pupil will be provided with a printed or electronic copy of the policy;*
    - *Identify appropriate accommodations that support return to learn for pupils.*
    - *Ensure that each school and school district have a system in place to notify the school nurse, or designee, if a student has sustained or is suspected of having sustained a head injury;*
      - *The parent or legal guardian of the pupil must notify the school if their pupil has sustained or is suspected of having sustained a head injury if the injury occurred outside of school;*
    - *If a pupil who has sustained or is suspected of having sustained a head injury is experiencing the following symptoms, the school will follow their emergency management protocols to assist the pupil in being evaluated by an emergency healthcare provider as soon as reasonably possible;*
      - *Neck pain or tenderness*
      - *Seizure or convulsion*
      - *Double vision*
      - *Loss of consciousness*
      - *Weakness or tingling/burning in more than one arm or in the legs*
      - *Deteriorating conscious state*
      - *Vomiting*
      - *Severe or increasing headache*
      - *Increasingly restless, agitated, or combative demeanor*
      - *Visible deformity of the skull*
      - *Other concerning symptoms*
    - *If a pupil has sustained or is suspected of having sustained a head injury while participating in an activity or event while*

*school is in session or outside of school;*

- *If the event occurs at school, the pupil must be immediately removed from the activity or event;*
- *Schools may require a healthcare provider to authorize a pupil to return to school.*
- *If a pupil has sustained or is suspected of having sustained a head injury while participating in an interscholastic activity or event, the pupil must be immediately removed from the activity or event;*
  - *The pupil may return to the activity or event if the parent or legal guardian of the pupil provides a signed statement from a healthcare provider, acting within their scope of practice, medically clearing the pupil for participation in the activity or event and attending school per the NIAA protocol.*
- *Each employee of a public school who supports the academics or health of a pupil who has sustained or is suspected of having sustained a head injury must annually complete a training on the prevention and treatment of head injuries, which must include a review of the educational information compiled pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 385B.080.*
- *Be reviewed every five years and updated, as necessary, to reflect current best practices in the prevention and treatment of head injuries.*