



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3313.5310 Information and training regarding sudden cardiac arrest.

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(A)(1) This section applies to both of the following:

(a) Any school operated by a school district board of education;

(b) Any chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school that is subject to the rules of an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events.

(2) As used in this section, "athletic activity" means all of the following:

(a) Interscholastic athletics;

(b) An athletic contest or competition that is sponsored by or associated with a school that is subject to this section, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities, and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations;

(c) Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by school-affiliated organizations;

(d) Practices, interschool practices, and scrimmages for all of the activities described in divisions (A)(2)(a), (b), and (c) of this section.

(B) Prior to the start of each athletic season, a school that is subject to this section may hold an informational meeting for students, parents, guardians, other persons having care or charge of a student, physicians, pediatric cardiologists, athletic trainers, and any other persons regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest for all ages of students.

(C) No student shall participate in an athletic activity until the student has submitted to a designated school official a form signed by the student and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student stating that the student and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or



charge of the student have received and reviewed a copy of the information jointly developed by the department of health and the department of education and workforce and posted on their respective web sites as required by section 3707.59 of the Revised Code. A completed form shall be submitted each school year, as defined in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code, in which the student participates in an athletic activity.

(D) No individual shall coach an athletic activity unless the individual has completed the sudden cardiac arrest training course approved by the department of health under division (C) of section 3707.59 of the Revised Code in accordance with section 3319.303 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) A student shall not be allowed to participate in an athletic activity if either of the following is the case:

(a) The student's biological parent, biological sibling, or biological child has previously experienced sudden cardiac arrest, and the student has not been evaluated and cleared for participation in an athletic activity by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(b) The student is known to have exhibited syncope or fainting at any time prior to or following an athletic activity and has not been evaluated and cleared for return under division (E)(3) of this section after exhibiting syncope or fainting.

(2) A student shall be removed by the student's coach from participation in an athletic activity if the student exhibits syncope or fainting.

(3) If a student is not allowed to participate in or is removed from participation in an athletic activity under division (E)(1) or (2) of this section, the student shall not be allowed to return to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared for return in writing by any of the following:

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, including a physician who specializes in cardiology;

(b) A certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse-midwife who holds a



certificate of authority issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(c) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;

(d) An athletic trainer licensed under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code.

The licensed health care providers specified in divisions (E)(3)(a) to (d) of this section may consult with any other licensed or certified health care providers in order to determine whether a student is ready to return to participation.

(F) A school that is subject to this section shall establish penalties for a coach who violates the provisions of division (E) of this section.

(G) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abridge or limit any rights provided under a collective bargaining agreement entered into under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code prior to March 14, 2017.

(H)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee or volunteer, including a coach, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing services or performing duties under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee or volunteer, including a coach, may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school or any officer, director, employee, or volunteer of the school, including a coach, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing services or performing duties under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.