



## Permission and Acknowledgement of Risk – School, Physical Education, Off-Site Activities, Intramurals

F 6-08A (Early Learning)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Pembina Hills Public Schools is committed to the health, safety and overall well-being of its students and staff. Students and staff who are supported in a healthy environment are better able to fulfill the Division's education goals.

Students in our schools participate in daily physical activity including playground time, intramurals, field trips and walking to and from buses. During any activity, but especially activities where collisions can occur, students are at a risk for concussions. Educators and school staff play a crucial role in the identification of a suspected concussion as well as the ongoing monitoring and management of a student with a concussion.

### **In the interest of safety and hygiene, children enrolled in an Early Learning Program MUST:**

1. If your child requires medication for emergency purposes (e.g. EpiPen), provide a program staff member with the medication and instructions for its use.
2. Have a clean change of clothes.
3. Have appropriate footwear for indoor and outdoor activities.
4. Not wear hanging jewelry of any kind such as necklaces or large earrings. Jewelry that cannot be removed, such as medical alert bracelets, must be taped or covered.

### **In the interest of safety, we strongly recommend:**

1. Children be vaccinated and all vaccinations be up to date.
2. Children remove eyeglasses during daily physical activity, physical education classes and intramurals. If eyeglasses cannot be removed, children must wear an eyeglass strap or shatterproof lenses.
3. Children wear/apply environmental protection for all outdoor activities (e.g. sunscreen, hat, insect repellent).
4. Children wear appropriate outdoor seasonal clothing such as coats, gloves, and boots.

### **Notification of AP 60-08 Concussion Protocol**

Should your child sustain an injury where a concussion is suspected, the Administrative Procedure (AP) 60-08 Concussion Protocol must be followed.

If your child is diagnosed with a concussion, Form 60-08D Documentation of Concussion Monitoring – Medical Examination must be completed and AP 60-08 Concussion Protocol must be followed before the student returns to physical education classes and intramural/ club activities.

For further information, please contact the staff in the Early Learning Program.

### **Early Learning Program Elements at Risk**

The risk of injury exists in every activity. Falls, collisions, boisterous play with other children, tantrums, not paying attention and other incidents may occur and cause injury. Due to the very nature of some activities, the risk of injury may increase.

Injuries may range from minor sprains and strains to more serious injuries affecting the head, neck or back. Some injuries can lead to paralysis or prove to be life-threatening.

Injuries can occur without fault on either the part of the child, the school division or its employees/agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. The safety and well-being of children is a prime concern and attempts are made to anticipate the risks and take precautions to limit them.

Please contact an Early Learning staff member if you have any concerns related to your child.

**Declaration**

I have read and acknowledge the above activity and risk disclosure information provided to me about the Early Learning Program that my child will participate in.

I give my permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities within the Early Learning Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_