

**CONCUSSION AWARENESS AND SAFETY**

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The Guilford County Board of Education recognizes that concussions and other head injuries may be serious and can result in lifelong health issues if not attended to in an appropriate manner. The Board is committed to practices that reduce the potential negative effects of head trauma. To that end, the Superintendent is directed to assure that the staff familiarizes themselves with the North Carolina State Board of Education [concussion safety and return to learn rules \(policies ATHL-003 and SHLT-001\)](#) policy titled ~~Return to Learn After Concussion~~ as well as the [requirements of state law in G.S. 115C-407.57 and -407.58 \(initially established in the Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act of 2011\)](#) and develop practices and procedures reflecting appropriate concussion safety.

Legal References: G.S. 90 art. 34; 115C-12(23), -407.55, -407.57, -407.58, -407.70; S.L. 2011-147; 16 N.C.A.C. 6E .0205, .0206; State Board of Education Policies ATHL-000, ATHL-003, SHLT-001; N.C. High School Athletic Association Handbook, available at <https://www.nchsaa.org/handbook>

Cross References: Student Wellness (policy 6140)

Other Resources: Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related TBI Research Center at UNC website, <https://gfellerwallerlaw.unc.edu/>; Report to the North Carolina General Assembly: Study of Sports Injuries at Middle School and High School Levels, N.C. Department of Public Instruction (2011), available at <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewDocSiteFile/16567>

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