

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Manual**

Policy Identification**Priority:** Healthy Responsible Students**Category:** Athletics**Policy ID Number:** HRS-D-000**Policy Title:** 16 NCAC 6E.0203 Policy regarding athletic trainers**Current Policy Date:** 06/06/2002**Other Historical Information:** Previous board dates: 02/05/1986, 9/13/2001**Statutory Reference:** GS 115C-12(12)**Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:** 16 NCAC 6E .0203**.0203 ATHLETIC INJURY MANAGEMENT**

- (a) Each LEA must designate for each high school within its jurisdiction either a licensed athletic trainer who is qualified pursuant to Article 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina or a first responder. These persons may be employed on a full-time or part-time basis or may serve as a volunteer.
- (b) A first responder must complete and maintain certification or be in the process of completing courses in the following:
 - (1) cardiopulmonary resuscitation as certified by an organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association;
 - (2) first aid as certified by an organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association; and
 - (3) injury prevention and management as certified by an organization such as the National Athletic Trainers Association, the North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association, or the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

In addition, each first responder must complete 20 hours in staff development each school year.

- (c) The licensed athletic trainer or first responder may not have coaching responsibilities during the season in which the person is working as a licensed athletic trainer or first responder. A licensed athletic trainer or first responder must attend all football practices and games, unless excused by the superintendent due to emergency. The LEA may require a licensed athletic trainer or first responder to attend practices or games that involve other sports.