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**ATHLETIC TRAINER**

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**1.0 Purpose**

The Grant County Board of Education shall employ an athletic director(s) or an individual(s) with limited football trainer authorization to serve during senior high school football practices and games. High schools that do not have an athletic trainer or an individual with limited athletic trainer authorization may not participate in football practices and games.

The Grant County Board of Education will employ an athletic trainer for middle and junior high school football practices and games.

- 1.1** The athletic trainer possesses the essential knowledge, skills, attitudes, and credentials necessary to carry out the practices of prevention, evaluation, initial care, and physical rehabilitation of injuries sustained by students engaged in public school athletics. The athletic trainer has responsibility for the development, implementation, and management of the athletic training program.
- 1.2** The duties of individuals with limited football trainer authorization are limited to evaluation, initial care, and referral of injuries sustained by students engaged in public school athletics.
- 1.3** An individual serving as an athletic trainer or individuals with limited football trainer authorization may not have simultaneous coaching responsibilities in the same sport.
- 1.4** An athletic trainer or an individual with limited football trainer authorization must be in attendance at all senior high school football practices and games. The Superintendent may grant excuses from this requirement for individual practices or games based on illness, accident or unforeseen events. When an athletic trainer or an individual with limited football trainer authorization is not in attendance because of illness, accident or other unforeseen event, the Superintendent must secure the attendance of other persons with specialized health related training.

**2.0 Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer or individual with limited football trainer authorization to determine whether or not an injured student athlete participates in a game or practice.

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