

**Greater Albany SD 8J**  
Administrative Regulation

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**Football Helmets: Replacement, Reconditioning and Use**

Safety concerns and district liability have caused the district to examine closely practices in the district regarding the purchase and care of football helmets. The following standards shall apply to the purchase, replacement, reconditioning and care of football helmets;

1. Schools must stay within the limits established by the manufacturer and reconditioners of helmets relating to warranties, assumptions of liability and safe practices;
2. Helmets must be NOCSAE certified by the manufacturer at the time of purchase and must be recertified by the reconditioner;
3. Football helmets which are part of the inventory of the schools shall be reconditioned by an outside insured service provider every two years capable of inspection, repair and recertification. Reconditioning and repair shall occur more often than every two years if noticeable problems occur which indicate the appropriateness of more frequent reconditioning;
4. Complete records will be kept by the athletic departments at the high schools of the history of each helmet including its manufacture year, purchase date, reconditioning and recertification dates;
5. Given the wide variety of use conditions, no mandatory retirement age of a particular helmet is prescribed by this policy other than that prescribed by the manufacturer. However, a sound budgetary and economic approach to the system replacement of helmets shall be developed and followed by the schools.