

May 13, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Buchanan County R4 School District will be implementing ImpACT testing for all potential student athletes and band members for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Student athletes include those participating in any of the following: Cheerleading, Football, Softball, Cross Country, Basketball, Track, and Baseball.

What is ImpACT? ImpACT is a computerized neurocognitive assessment tool to help licensed healthcare providers evaluate and manage a suspected concussion.

ImpACT comes in two forms:

1. **Baseline Test** – Administered by a licensed healthcare provider or a trained baseline administrator before the start of a sport season, school year, or other activity. Baseline scores are collected and stored on our privacy compliant servers.
2. **Post-Injury Test** – Administered by a licensed healthcare provider when a concussion is suspected. Test results are compared to baseline scores and normative data scores as part of a healthcare provider's assessment of the injury. Multiple post injury tests may be given to an individual during the course of treatment and rehabilitation.

Baseline testing at DeKalb High School is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Signed parental consent ***is required***. Potential student-athletes for the 2021-22 school year will be tested. Those not tested at this time will be tested in August before school begins. The date and time for the August testing will be determined at a later time. The school district will pay for baseline testing, so there is no cost to parents for the baseline on May 19. Please complete the attached permission form in its entirety and return to school **by May 17, 2021**. For more information regarding ImpACT, you may visit these websites. impacttest.com and impactconcussion.com.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Aaron Matthews, A.D., or myself anytime.

Sincerely,

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