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AHS receives grant from Falcons Physical Therapy Center

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Apalachee High School received a \$2,000 grant recently from the Atlanta Falcons Physical Therapy Centers and Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation.

The grant can be used by the school's athletic department to purchase equipment to improve athletes' health, to provide training on the proper care of athletic injuries (particularly concussions), or to educate students or staff on sports medicine.

According to Atlanta Falcons Physical Therapy Chief Development Officer Dan Gordon, grants were distributed to five high schools in the clinic's regional service areas.

"The overall mission of the Atlanta Falcons Physical Therapy Centers is to give back to the community in areas where we serve," Gordon said. In addition to the grant, Gordon said he is planning to have guest speakers from the Center visit the school in the future, and that AHS students will also be considered for intern positions in the Center, effective immediately.

Joe Avolio, Center director for the Winder and Athens-based clinics, explained why he nominated AHS for the grant.

"At our Winder location, we see a lot of students from Apalachee, as well as staff members, so we nominated them and fortunately they were selected," Avolio said.

"We've been so impressed with those students," Gordon added.