



# RESOURCES FOR THE **SECONDARY SCHOOL** ATHLETIC TRAINER

**T**HERE IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON THE NATA WEBSITE available for secondary school athletic trainers including statements, videos, presentations and more— all with the goal of making your professional life easier.

The best place to start is the secondary school resources page, which contains links to all the latest information on key initiatives that focus on the secondary school AT. Visit [www.nata.org/athletic-training/job-settings/secondary-schools-setting](http://www.nata.org/athletic-training/job-settings/secondary-schools-setting) for information on the following initiatives.

## ▶ **SECONDARY SCHOOL CASE STUDIES WORKBOOK**

NATA's Secondary School Case Studies Workbook is a new tool that provides AT students and young professionals with insight into the secondary school setting, drawn from real-life scenarios. The workbook was designed for program directors to aid in the professional preparation of their students, but athletic trainers who are new to the secondary school setting will also find this resource valuable. The SSCS workbook is available for immediate download at [www.nata.org/SSCS](http://www.nata.org/SSCS).

## ▶ **POSITION PROPOSAL GUIDE AND POSITION IMPROVEMENT GUIDE**

The Position Proposal Guide (PPG) and Position Improvement Guide (PIG) have been recently updated. These guides provide secondary school ATs valuable information to help create or improve their jobs. Both documents provide templates for use in presentations to school administrators.

## ▶ **OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON PROPER SUPERVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT AIDES**

NATA recently posted an update to the Official Statement on Proper Supervision of Secondary School Student Aides. Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT, chair of the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers'

Committee, and NATA President Jim Thornton, MA, ATC, CES, have written a letter to all secondary school ATs detailing the background behind the revised statement and the student aide issue.

View the letter at [www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Student-Aide-Letter.pdf](http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Student-Aide-Letter.pdf).

Read the revised statement at [www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Student-Aide-Statement.pdf](http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Student-Aide-Statement.pdf).

## ▶ **GATORADE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINER AWARD**

SSATC and Gatorade are excited to announce The Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award. This award will recognize athletic trainers from each NATA district who have made outstanding contributions to furthering their high school's athletic care program or the profession in the secondary school setting. See p. 24 for more information.

## ▶ **SAFE SPORTS SCHOOL AWARD**

The Safe Sports School Award recognizes secondary schools that are committed to athlete safety. Not only is it a great way to earn recognition for your efforts, the Safe Sports School Award also provides a checklist to ensure the quality of your sports medicine program. Displaying the Safe Sports School banner in your school gym helps demonstrate the importance of athlete safety to the public,

so it's a great advocacy tool for the profession. For more information, visit [www.nata.org/safe-sports-school-award](http://www.nata.org/safe-sports-school-award).

## ▶ **JACK CRAMER SCHOLARSHIP**

In conjunction with the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee, one \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving high school senior who is planning a career as an athletic trainer in a high school setting. Have an interested student? Direct them to apply at [www.nata.org/jack-cramer-scholarship/application-procedures](http://www.nata.org/jack-cramer-scholarship/application-procedures).

The tools listed above are only a few of the many initiatives in place for secondary school athletic trainers, and NATA continues to develop more resources to help support ATs in this setting.

If you want to have a discussion with one of the leaders in secondary school athletic training, you can easily connect with your district representative on the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee by visiting [www.nata.org/SSATC](http://www.nata.org/SSATC). It lists all district reps along with bios and contact information. Also included are links to helpful resources and important groups in your state. Your NATA community is always ready and willing to provide support, so don't hesitate to reach out for assistance.