



# HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents-

As many of you may have heard, US Lacrosse and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association have recently decided to allow the use of approved, soft-sided, headgear in the sport of Women's Lacrosse. While there are currently two models approved for use, it is important to note that the use of this equipment is neither mandated nor endorsed by US Lacrosse or the NYSPHSAA at this time. However, this decision has sparked a fair amount of discussion on both sides of the issue.

We believe that safety should always be at the forefront of the Athletic Program as well as your child's educational experience here in Hauppauge. Listed below are several links to articles about the topic of the use of headgear in Girls' Lacrosse. Please feel free to read through this literature and contact the Athletic Office with any questions or concerns regarding the topic. If you feel it is in the best interest of your daughter to utilize this headgear please let us know and the district will be happy to provide one.

Thank you for taking the time and interest in helping to provide the best experience for our student-athletes and we look forward to any questions that you might have.

GO EAGLES!

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<http://www.newsday.com/sports/high-school/girls-lacrosse/new-rule-allows-girls-lacrosse-helmets-but-many-don-t-wear-them-1.13340157>

<http://www.futuremedicine.com/doi/pdf/10.2217/cnc-2017-0005>

<http://www.uslacrosse.org/safety/equipment/womens-lacrosse-headgear-faq>

[https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/07/sports/girls-lacrosse-headgear.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/07/sports/girls-lacrosse-headgear.html?_r=0)

<http://www.insidelacrosse.com/article/looking-at-new-york-s-vote-on-helmets-in-women-s-lacrosse/8920>

<https://www.uslacrosse.org/sites/default/files/public/documents/coaches/safety-issues-in-girls-and-womens-lacrosse.pdf>

<http://www.girlslacrossehq.com/girls-lacrosse-helmets/>

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