

Michigan schools try out gold standard of concussion tests

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More than 60 Michigan high schools are participating this year in a unique sideline concussion testing program for athletes in football and other sports.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association says the two-year pilot program includes baseline testing and is having an impact after its first fall season.

Executive Director Jack Roberts says schools in the program, such as Birmingham Groves in the Detroit suburb of Beverly Hills, are removing players for possible concussions at a higher rate than schools that are not.

While all states have laws that address preventing concussions in [youth sports](#), none require baseline testing.

Cash-strapped districts often say the cost is prohibitive. Michigan made it happen, taking \$10,000 this year primarily from playoff gate profits.

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