

ATHLETIC FIELD UPDATE

TO ASTRO TURF OR NOT?

A series of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom-left towards the top-right, set against a green-to-blue gradient background.

- ▶ Currently there are approximately 50 high school fields in SC that have AstroTurf as opposed to traditional grass surfaces.

CURRENT STATUS



After contacting districts to discuss the differences between the two surfaces, this is what I have found:

ASTRO TURF PROS

- ▶ **24/7 Play**
- ▶ **No Drainage Issues**
- ▶ **Always Looks Good**
- ▶ **No Planting Necessary**
- ▶ **Easy to Maintain**
- ▶ **Multi-purpose Use**

ASTRO TURF CONS

- ▶ **Cost to Install is \$700,000 to \$1,000,000**
- ▶ **Time Needed to Install**
- ▶ **Every Outside Agency Wants to Play on it**
- ▶ **Currently No Money Budgeted for Expenditure & No Foreseeable Money**