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Assault charges, generally, if convicted, you're obviously going to have a criminal record. And it can range anywhere from community punishment, meaning having to do some community service kind of thing, or it could be a probationary type sentence where you have to see a probation officer once a month and pay court costs, fines, fees, and probation fees. It could be jail time. It could be a mix of those things depending on the severity of the assault. It also depends on injuries. It depends on a person's prior record level, like if they have assaulted behavior in the past.

The way it works in North Carolina is, obviously, misdemeanor assaults can go up to like 150 days. And then, felonies can go years. It just depends. When you have an assault, it's a certain class or a certain type of misdemeanor or felony, and then you take the person's record and there's points. You look at their prior record of everything they've had, and you count up the points, and that tells you there's a grid and that tells you what the punishment will be. So, it could be anywhere from no active time to straight up active time, depending. So, a student that gets charged with an assault case, they will have to go up, if it happened on campus, and it gets reported, normally it does. Then, they would have to go in front of the conduct board, and that's a whole other procedure, and they could get kicked out of school for assaulted behavior.