

Check List for Scholars Trying Out for Athletics

Athletes and Parents – Please ensure the following steps are completed in order to try out.

- 1) Complete the Middle School Participation Form.
- 2) Complete the Assumption of Risk, Release, and Hold Harmless Form.
- 3) Purchase the mandatory school accident insurance and provide proof of purchase. A link to purchase is on the school website under quick links. The web address is:
www.hsri.com/K12_Enrollment/main/default.asp
- 4) Receive a sports physical from a physician and provide a copy of the physical.
- 5) Eligibility to try out is having a 2.0 GPA from the previous semester. For athletes trying out in 2020-2021, eligibility is based upon the 2020-2021 first semester GPA and will not be evaluated until the 1st semester grades are final. Volleyball tryouts may begin before grades are finalized. For basketball, cheerleading and track, students who are not eligible will not be allowed to try out for the team.
- 6) **Once all documents are accumulated, turn them into the 7th grade office to Ms. Freitas or Mr. Wicks. Athletes will not be allowed to try out until all check list items are completed.**



PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION FORM
HOME EDUCATED STUDENTS MUST BE ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL THROUGH A FEIC, AND SHOW PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION

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Parents or Guardians Must Complete This Section

Student Information: Special Programs, NAME AS IT APPEARS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, GENDER, GRADE, DATE OF BIRTH
Are you an Administrative Transfer (Check One) Yes No Do you have a Special Attendance Permit (Check One) Yes No

Residence of Parents or Legal Guardian: Street Address, City, since Month Day Year

Residence (if Different from Parent(s) or Legal Guardian: Street Address, City

Lived at this address since: Month Day Year

Name(s) and Relationship of Person(s) you Live with if other than parent(s) or legal guardian:

Insurance Students participating in voluntary extracurricular athletics and activities, as defined by Pinellas County School Board Policy 8760, must purchase the Mandatory Student Accident Insurance made available by the School District. Purchase of a student accident insurance policy for football covers football and all other sports and activities requiring mandatory student accident insurance. Purchase of a (non-football) student accident insurance policy covers all (non-football) school related sports and activities requiring mandatory student accident insurance. Insurance may be purchased on-line at www.pcsb.org under the quick link for student accident insurance. Note: This is excess Insurance. It is provided to cover some of the out-of-pocket expenses associated with accidents. It is not intended to replace your primary medical insurance. Any other medical insurance policy will be expected to pay before this excess student accident insurance policy. Date Purchased

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION AND INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the school to obtain, through a physician of its own choice, any emergency care that may become reasonably necessary for the student listed on this form in the course of athletic activities or travel. Payment of all charges incurred for medical treatment is guaranteed by me or the insurance company providing coverage for the above named student.

1) Allergies and/or special medical problems (list medications carried by student):
2) Date of last Tetanus shot 3) Family Physician Phone

Please attach Physical Evaluation Form and any pertinent medical conditions.

Student Participation Permission

*****PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY EVEN DEATH. *****

I hereby give my consent for the above named student to represent his/her school in school sponsored athletics and activities. I understand the potential risks and that severe injury, including paralysis, or even death may occur. I hereby agree to waive, release and discharge the School and the Pinellas County School Board from any and all liability for any injury or illness of the above named student (s), including death, or for claims of any nature which may result from participating in voluntary school sponsored extracurricular athletics. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School and the Pinellas County School Board from claims of any nature including costs, expenses and fees arising out of or as a result of the participant's actions during this activity. This permission includes team travel for local or out-of-town trips.

STATEMENT: I do hereby certify that I have read both sides of this form and understand the rules contained herein, and that the information supplied is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this student must continue to reside with me to maintain eligibility. I accept the responsibility to inform the school of any future change of this information.

School Attended last year:
Student's Signature
Signature of Parent/ Guardian, Home/work phone, Date, Relationship to the Student

If only one Parent/Guardian signature above, explain reason:

Physical Examination (to be completed by physician).
Physical evaluation must be documented on a form provided by the physician or the FHSAA.

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Failure to purchase the appropriate student accident insurance policy, or, failure by the Pinellas County School Board to verify that this requirement has been met, does not transfer responsibility for payment of any and all injury related claims and expenses from the student/parent/guardian to the Pinellas County School Board.

Parents and/or Guardians of Prospective Interscholastic Athletes:

Before trying out for an interscholastic sport a student must be certified as eligible, in accordance with the Florida High School Athletic Association rules and the policies of the School Board of Pinellas County.

Parents or Guardians must complete the following sections on the reverse side: Certification of Residency, Permission to Participate/Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment, and Certification of Insurance. Your student will not be allowed to practice until this form is completed and is on file at the school.

The Pinellas County School Board requires students participating in extracurricular activities to purchase the Mandatory Student Accident Insurance (School Board Policy 8760) regardless of your existing insurance coverage.

The following are excerpts of the athletic eligibility rules required by the Florida High School Athletic Association and the School Board of Pinellas County. If further clarification of these rules is required, contact the Assistant Principal at your school. This form is no longer available in three (3) part carbonless sheets; therefore it must be duplicated when completed. The school must keep the original and the parent and coach must have a copy.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY IN BRIEF

*Students must attend the school they are assigned.

*Students whose residences are outside the zone may enroll in a school through the open enrollment process.

*Students who change school assignment between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next school year, are eligible to participate at the newly assigned school provided they are enrolled and attending at the newly assigned school as of the first day of the school year.

*Home educated students must be assigned to a school through the Student Reservation System at any school.

*Students administratively transferred to another regular school for disciplinary reasons shall be ineligible for athletic participation for a period of the remaining of the school year.

*Students returning to any regular school from a successful reassignment/expulsion shall be eligible upon return to any regular school. Students ejected from an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to a fine to be paid to his/her school. The fine is \$50 or \$250 for gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Academic Eligibility

A middle/junior high student must have a 2.0 GPA, or the equivalent of a 2.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, at the conclusion of each semester. A student who is academically eligible at the beginning of the semester will continue to be academically eligible for that entire semester. Likewise, a student who is academically ineligible at the beginning of the semester will continue to be academically ineligible for that entire semester, except as provided in Bylaw 9.4.5.1.2 in regards to work not completed due to illness or excused absence.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC CONTACT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

* A student may participate one (1) year as a 6th grader, one (1) year as a 7th grader, and one (1) year as an 8th grader.

* A student will be eligible if they are under the age of 15 prior to September 1st .

* Students have four (4) consecutive years of high school eligibility from the date they first enter the 9th grade.

* Physicals are good for 365 days from the date they are given. Once the date has passed the student becomes ineligible.

Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless

COVID-19 and Voluntary Extracurricular Activities School Year 2020-21

I desire to participate or allow my child(ren) to participate in one or more voluntary extracurricular activities sponsored by the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, the Pinellas County School District, and/or the public school attended (collectively, "PCS"). The novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 has been declared as a worldwide pandemic and is believed to be contagious and spread by person-to-person contact. Federal, state, and local agencies recommend social distancing and other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

PCS will conduct certain extracurricular activities in the 2020-21 school year, including but not limited to athletics and student clubs. These activities, hereinafter known as "Activity," will be conducted with safety protocols appropriate under the circumstances at the time. For the safety of all people involved, participants in the Activity will be required to adhere to all safety protocols and are subject to immediate removal from the Activity, without appeal, if they do not comply. Extracurricular activities are a privilege, and not a right, of public school students.

By signing this document below, I acknowledge and affirm all of the statements above. I also voluntarily assume all risks that I and/or my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of participation in the Activity, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, sickness, and/or death. I understand that the risk of exposure or infection may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, my child(ren), PCS staff, volunteers, or agents, or others not listed, and I acknowledge that all such risks are known to me.

In consideration of my and my child(ren) being able to participate in the Activity, I, on behalf of myself, as well as anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby forever waive, release, and hold the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, and its employees and agents harmless from any and all claims, suits, liability, actions, judgments, attorneys' fees, costs, and any expenses of any kind resulting from injuries or damages, grounded in tort or otherwise, that I and/or my child(ren), or my or our representatives, sustain during or related to my or my child(ren)'s participation or involvement in the Activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student

Print name of Parent/Guardian

Print name of Student

Date of signature

Date of signature