



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
SECONDARY EDUCATION

# Athletic Eligibility for High School Students

Parents, in order for your Child/Ward to be eligible to participate in athletics at their high school during the upcoming school year, you must complete this form and sign where indicated. **Make sure you read each page carefully before signing!** A parent or the student (if an adult or emancipated) will need to sign the papers in front of a notary. We **cannot** notarize any papers if they come to us already signed.

Student's Full Name (first, middle initial, last)				Student ID #	Today's Date
Age	Current Grade	School Year	Date of Birth	Parent/Legal Guardian	
Student's Address (street, apt. #, city, state, zip code)					Phone #
First School Attended This Year			School Attended Last Year		
Name of Emergency Contact			Relationship to Student		
Emergency Contact Address (street, apt. #, city, state, zip code)					Emergency Home Phone #
Emergency Work Phone #	Student's Personal Physician			Physician Phone #	
List Sports					

PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR STUDENT		
Name of Policy Holder (Insurance Policy that covers student)	Policy Holder Relationship to Student	Policy Holder Place of Employment
Name of Medical Insurance Company (Insurance Policy that covers student)		Insurance Policy #

### INTERSCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT

I live with (check one)  both parents  Mother Only  Father Only  Guardian Other \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to other \_\_\_\_\_ I have lived with the person(s) stated above since \_\_\_\_\_

If the options presented below do not adequately describe your residence situation, attach a note of explanation.

- I live in the assigned attendance area for this school.
- I am attending this school on an approved student reassignment (reassignment requires approval by the Reassignment Specialist)
- I have been assigned to this school by the Department of Exceptional Student Education.
- I have been accepted into a Choice Program.

School	Athletic Director	Phone #
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**ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
*Per the FHSAA Handbook/Operational Bylaw, Article 9*

**Parent Initial**

- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.1.1.1 Participation in Interscholastic Athletics a Privilege. Participation in interscholastic athletic programs by a student is a privilege, not a right. Students who participate are required to meet the requirements established in state law, FHSAA regulations, and by their respective schools
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.1.1.1 Local Rules May Be More Stringent. Schools and/or school districts may adopt more stringent rules for the students under their supervision. No school, or school district, however, may adopt rules that are less stringent than those of the FHSAA
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.1.2.2 Falsification of Information. A student and/or parent/legal guardian appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction falsifies information to gain eligibility shall be declared ineligible to represent any member school for a period of one year from the date of discovery
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.1.2.3 Eligibility of Recruited Students. A student may be declared ineligible based on violation of recruiting rules if: (a) The student or parent/legal guardian appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction has falsified any enrollment or eligibility document; or (b) The student or parent/legal guardian appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction accepted any benefit or any promise of benefit if such benefit is not generally available to the school's students or family members; or (c) The benefit or promise of benefit is based in any way on athletic interest, potential, or performance
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.2.1 Student May Participate at the School they First Attend Each School Year. A student must attend school and is immediately eligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic programs sponsored by the school they attend each school year, which is either: (a) The school where the student first attends classes (i.e. establishes school residency); or (b) The school where the student first participates in athletic activities on or after the official start date of that sport season before they attend classes at any school (i.e. establishes school residency); or (c) The school the student transfers to after previously attending another school (Reference Bylaw 9.3.2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.3.4 Ineligible Student Cannot Transfer to Become Eligible. A transfer student who is deemed ineligible for a period of time cannot transfer schools and become eligible. Attending a new school at the beginning of the school year does not decrease or eliminate the period of ineligibility
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.4.1 2.0 GPA Required for Academic Eligibility. A high school student must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, at the conclusion of each semester to be academically eligible during the next semester. Final grades previously earned by the student from another school shall not be converted using the scale in Bylaw 9.4.2
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.4.1.3 Attendance During Previous Two Consecutive Semesters Required. A student cannot be academically eligible if they have not attended school and received grades for all courses taken during the previous two consecutive semesters
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.4.1.9 Student Not Eligible for One Full Semester if Transcript Cannot be Obtained. A student whose former school cannot or will not provide an official sealed transcript will not be eligible in the new school until they have been in attendance for one full semester and has established a cumulative GPA. The school must submit a written report to the FHSAA Office that includes the student's name, date of first attendance in the school, and the beginning and ending dates of the previous semester
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.5.1 High School Student Has Four Years of Eligibility. A student is limited to four consecutive school years of eligibility beginning with school year they begin ninth grade for the first time. This does not imply that the student has four years of participation. After four consecutive school years, the student is permanently ineligible
- \_\_\_\_\_ • 9.6.1 High School Age Limit. A student who reaches the age of 19 prior to July 1st shall become permanently ineligible

**I/WE HAVE READ, AND HAVE INITIALED, EACH FHSAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR CHILD/WARD MUST MEET FHSAA STANDARDS IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to or affirmed and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Parent/Guardian or Adult/Emancipated Student)*

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida*

**CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

I (the student) and we (the parent[s]/legal guardian[s]) have read the (condensed) Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Eligibility Rules and understand that they are a synopsis of the FHSAA Bylaws. I/we also understand that a complete copy of the FHSAA Bylaws is available to me/us to review at my (the student's) school's administrative office. We know of no reason why I (the student) am not eligible to represent my school in athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, we agree to follow the rules of my school and the FHSAA and to abide by their decisions. I/we know that participation is a privilege. I/we have been informed and know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept such risks. I (the student) voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. I/we hold harmless and release the student's school, the school district's employees and agents, the schools against which it competes, the Palm Beach County School District and the contest officials, the National Federation of State High School Associations, (NFHS) and the FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation, and agree to take no legal action against any of the above-referenced entities because of any accident or mishap involving the student's athletic participation. I/we further authorize **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT** for myself/our child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while I am/my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. **In consideration for being allowed to participate in Interscholastic Athletic programs, I/we, for my/our heirs, executors and administrators, release and forever discharge THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, its agents, representatives and employees of all liability, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses which I/we may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my (the student's) participation in an Interscholastic Athletic program, including travel associated with the Athletic Program. I/we understand that this waiver includes any claims based on negligence, action or inaction of any of the above named entities and persons.** I/we hereby give permission for the school or District to use the student's photograph, video image, writing, voice recording, name, grade level, school name, description of participation and statistics in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height as a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, diplomas and awards received, date and place of birth and most recent previous school attended, in newspapers, school productions, web sites, etc. and/or similar school or District-sponsored publications or in school or District-approved news media interviews, videos, articles and photographs. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I/we hereby give consent for my/our child/ward to participate in the following interscholastic sports that I/we have NOT MARKED OUT. Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Competitive Cheerleading, Cross Country, 11-Man Tackle Football, Flag Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Fast-Pitch Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weight-lifting, Wrestling.

**I/we understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes. I/We consent to the disclosure, by my/our child's/ward's school, to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all detailed (athletic or otherwise) financial, scholastic and attendance records of such school concerning my/our child/ward.**

**ADDENDUM TO CONSENT AND RELEASE**

This form was created to comply with the provisions of Fla. Stat. § 744.301 as it relates to the enforceability of a waiver or release executed by a parent/guardian on behalf of their child/ward. This addendum applies to the parent/guardian waiving the right of a child/ward in advance of the child's/ward's participation in an activity.

**NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S NATURAL GUARDIAN**

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT EVEN IF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.**

**I/WE HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY, UNDERSTAND IT, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE**

Where appropriate both parent(s)/legal guardian(s) should sign.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Student*

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*Signature of Student*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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*Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian*

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*Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian*

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*Date*

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*Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian*

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*Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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