



NEW FHSAA EKG REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, Florida law ^{Effective July 1, 2026} requires certain student-athletes to complete an electrocardiogram (EKG) screening before participating in FHSAA- sanctioned sports.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN EKG?

In accordance with **State Statute 1006.20**, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter, the following students shall complete at least one electrocardiogram screening:

- All **incoming 9th-grade student-athletes**
- Students in **grades 10–12** who have **never participated** in an FHSAA-sanctioned sport
- Any student who **transfers to Pasco County Schools** and participates in an FHSAA-sanctioned sport
- **Returning athletes** *are not required* to obtain an EKG, but it is **strongly encouraged**.

An EKG performed **on or after July 1, 2024** will satisfy this requirement.

WHY IS THIS REQUIRED?

The goal of the EKG screening is to **identify undetected cardiac risk factors** and **enhance the safety** of student-athletes.

HOW IS PASCO COUNTY SUPPORTING FAMILIES?

Pasco County Schools is partnering with **Who We Play For** to offer EKG screenings at a **reduced cost of \$20 per student**.

- Multiple screening locations will be available in **March and throughout the summer**
- Registration details will be shared by each high school
- Additional information will be available on the **district website** and **social media**

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IF A STUDENT ATHLETE DOES NOT CLEAR THE EKG SCREENING?

- The student will be **prohibited from tryouts, practice, or competition**
- The student must submit **written medical clearance** to the school
- Clearance must be provided by a **qualified healthcare practitioner** trained in EKG evaluation
- A list of providers can be shared with families to assist with scheduling



For more information, visit: www.pasco.k12.fl.us/athletics