



NEW FHSAA EKG REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

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

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



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HEART SCREENING

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An Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) is painless, non-invasive and only takes 5 minutes to complete.

Each ECG is read by a board certified pediatric cardiologist.

WHEN:

3/4/2026 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WHERE:

6335 12th St, Zephyrhills, Florida, 33542
School Clinic

COST:

\$20

REGISTER :

www.whoweplayfor.org



To learn more about Who We Play For or to get involved, visit www.whoweplayfor.org

80%

No symptoms prior to
sudden cardiac arrest
event

1 IN 300

Youth have a detectable
heart condition

1

Cause of death on school
campuses and in student
athletes



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School Clinic

Heart screening for students.
ONLY open to ages 10-25.

Sign up on our website
Or use this QR code

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Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in student athletes and in the school system, most of which can be prevented. **Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) heart screenings are now required prior to participation in Florida high school athletics** and Who We Play For (WWPF) is honored to screen children across the state and country.

Together, we are advancing the standard of care. The result will be a generation that gets to grow up.



How it Works

- 1 Select a screening through our website: <https://www.whoweplayfor.org/heart-screening-registration/florida>
- 2 WWPF and school district provide ECGs to students on site.
- 3 ECGs are interpreted by pediatric cardiologists volunteering with WWPF.
- 4 Results are delivered to the students' guardians and are connected with appropriate follow-up care.

Electrocardiogram (ECG) Screenings

Quick, Effective & Affordable

5 Minutes

Amount of time it takes to screen 1 student.

**Quicker with pre-registration*

~95% vs ~4%

EXGs are more effective at identifying those at risk than physical evaluation alone.

~2%

False positive rate since the implementation of the International Criteria for ECG Interpretation in Athletes.

\$20 vs ~\$150

An ECG with WWPF is \$20 compared to the typical cost. **For any prospective student-athlete falling under the SB1070 requirements unable to afford their screening, it is free.*

Less Than 3%

Number of screenings that are flagged as abnormal.

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To learn more about WWPF, visit our website and social media channels!



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