



## 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](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/athletics)



# EKG SCREENINGS

## for Student Athletes

Provided by Who We Play For



**\$20 PER STUDENT • AGES 10-22 • 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Attend ANY Location - Not Limited to Your School!**

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**DETECT HIDDEN HEART RISKS AND ENHANCE SAFETY**

## SCREENING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

**To sign up, click here or visit <https://pasco.k12.fl.us/athletics/page/ekg-screenings>**

### **March 2 - Gulf High School**

Gym - 5085 Madison St, New Port Richey, FL 34652

### **March 3 - Hudson High School**

Field House - 14410 Cobra Way, Hudson, FL 34669

### **March 4 - Zephyrhills High School**

School Clinic - 6335 12th St, Zephyrhills, FL 33542

### **March 5 - Kirkland Ranch Academy of Innovation**

Multipurpose Room - 32555 Innovation Dr, Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

### **March 9 - Angeline Academy of Innovation**

Angeline Athletic Complex - 9405 Land O' Lakes Blvd, Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

### **March 10 - River Ridge High School**

Gym - 11646 Town Center Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34654

### **March 11 - Land O' Lakes High School**

Gym - 20325 Gator Ln, Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

### **March 12 - Fivay High School**

Café Stage Area - 12115 Chicago Ave, Hudson, FL 34669

### **March 16 - Wendell Krinn Technical High School**

Room 209 - 7650 Orchid Lake Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34653

### **March 17 - Pasco High School**

Gym or Café - 36850 Co Rd 52, Dade City, FL 33525

### **March 18 - J. W. Mitchell High School**

Gym - 2323 Little Rd, Trinity, FL 34655

### **March 19 - Sunlake High School**

Gym - 3023 Sunlake Blvd, Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

### **March 23 - Wesley Chapel High School**

Gym or Café - 30651 Wells Rd, Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

### **March 24 - Anclote High School**

Gym - 1540 Sweetbriar Dr, Holiday, FL 34691

### **March 25 - Wiregrass Ranch High School**

Gym - 2909 Mansfield Blvd, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

### **March 26 - Cypress Creek High School**

Gym - 8701 Old Pasco Rd, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

**EARLY DETECTION  
SAVES LIVES!**



**For more information, visit:  
[www.whoweplayfor.org](http://www.whoweplayfor.org)**



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.

## Sign Up Here

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



**For Every Kid Who Never Had The Opportunity**