

## Heart Screening FAQ's – Quick Notes:

- BPS Policy 2431, Interscholastic Athletics, was updated to include electrocardiogram (ECG) screenings. Per section H(b) – Eligibility and Regulation:
  - H(b) “Any student wanting to participate in middle school and/or high school athletics must complete the Cardiology Report: Electrocardiogram (ECG) Form (Form 2431F1) each year as part of the student’s athletic packet and must:
  - (i) have an electrocardiogram (ECG) screening prior to participating in his/her first athletic sport in middle school and again prior to participating in his/her first athletic sport in high school: or
  - (ii) decline the electrocardiogram (ECG) screening each year of athletic participation.
- Per 2431, students will complete the Cardiology Report Form each year. There are four options to check on the form. A student will either check that they have previously completed an ECG Screening and will list the school it is on file at. They can also attach documentation clearing them for participation, or they can have the Cardiac Clearance section completed by their Licensed Physician or Practitioner. Lastly, there is an option for a parent to decline participation in the ECG screening on behalf of their child. The form will be available on the Student Services page of the BPS website and you are encouraged to also post on your school site for the convenience of parents and students.
- There are only TWO results to be reported and those are either Cleared for Participation, or NOT Cleared for Participation.
- As Who We Play For works on revising the language in their emails to parents, there may still be some that say “follow-up” and that the student has 90 days to schedule that appointment while still participating in their sport. As stated above and on the new Form, students CANNOT participate until they are cleared.
- We will be sending out screening schedules for the 2020-21 athletic seasons over the next few weeks for all secondary schools. They will be scheduled in advance of each middle and high school athletic season so that any student who is not cleared, will have time to do their follow up and if cleared, can then participate in their sport before the official start date.
- WWPF will put the screenings on their website, [www.whoweplayfor.org](http://www.whoweplayfor.org). Parents can click on Heart Screening Registration at the top, find their school, and register online, picking the time they wish to schedule their screening. Additionally, if a student is not able to attend the screening at their school, they can have it done at any other school. WWPF will record their school so they get the results to the appropriate school.
- Parents may also use their own Licensed Physician or Practitioner for the ECG screening. If they use their own, then the provider will complete that section of the Cardiology Report form. If they use utilize WWPF, they will attach their email with the result, check the appropriate box on the form, sign, date, and turn submit it with their athletic packet.
- As listed above in H(b)(ii), parents do still have the option to decline the screening.
- Students will submit the Cardiology Report form, each year of middle and/or high school, in which they wish to participate in athletics.
- All ECG results will be notated in AS400 so that each year the form can be tracked and utilized by any school they may move on to. We are working with ET to get that screen set up.
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