



SICKLES HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026 ATHLETIC CLEARANCE

All students will be required to complete, submit, and receive verification of clearance prior to being allowed to participate in athletics at any Hillsborough County Public School. This includes participation in conditioning, tryouts, practice, contests and approved off-season activities. Students must meet [specific academic and residency requirements](#). **FOR 2026-27 DO NOT START CLEARANCE PROCESS YET!**

Before you begin the process, you will need the following documents:

EL2 Pre-Participation Physical – A physical completed in the last 12 months; new physicals must be on the most recent version of the form (Revised 7/25 and linked below). You only need to submit Page 4 of the physical – with **ALL** information completed including doctor's stamp, signature, license number and date. **Be sure to complete parent/student signatures in middle of page!** ([Link to document](#))

Certificates for four required online courses – Make sure your student athlete has taken the course in their full name and since May 15, 2025

1. NFHS Concussion For Students Video Certificate – Make sure your student athlete has taken the course Concussion for Students since May 15, 2025. Note: There is a similarly named course but take the right one ([Link to course](#))

2. NFHS Heat Illness Video Certificate – Taken since May 15, 2025 ([Link to course](#))

3. NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Video Certificate – Taken since May 15, 2025 ([Link to course](#))

4. NFHS Sportsmanship Course Certificate – Taken since May 15, 2025 ([Link to course](#))

Government Issued Photo Identification – This is of the parent who is digitally signing the clearance documents online, and must include an address that matches the student's address on file

Birth Certificate – Of the student, obviously

Proof of Residency – This is a utility (electric or water) bill no later than 30 days old or the current mortgage, lease or property tax bill. It must include the name of a parent/guardian and must match the address on file.

Proof of Insurance – This is the required athletic insurance, not your private insurance. Make sure to purchase the highest level needed for the year - you only need to purchase one plan as long as it provides the appropriate amount of coverage. Post an image of the insurance card. ([Link to insurance](#))

Additional EL2 pages – **Updated 2/2026:** Any students referred for additional medical evaluation prior to clearance must now submit an approved EL1/2S ([Link to document](#))

Enrollment and Residential History Form – ([Link to form](#)) Be sure to sign it (no digital signatures)

Once all of these documents are collected and ready for upload, please complete the online registration for your student-athlete at <https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/>

Registering Your Student-Athlete

Follow these steps to register once on the Athletic Clearance website:

Drop down menu for year:

Select 2025-2026

Drop down menu for school:

Select school

Drop down menu for sport:

Click the first sport the student is interested in participating. **Then add additional sport(s) by selecting Add New Sport for each.**

Click "Next"

Step 1: Student Information

Complete/Update all fields of information.

****Student cell phone number can be entered as (000) 000-0000 if they do not have a phone ****

Enrollment History

Click one:

- My student has never attended a different high school. *Students that have attended the same high school since entering 9th grade and have never transferred to or from another high school.*
- Student is entering 9th grade for the 24-25 school year
- Student is elementary or middle school: DO NOT USE
- Student is transferring from another school: *This applies to students that started 9th grade at one high school and have transferred to this school at some point while in high school. If this applies to you, enter the name of the high school with city and state, student previously attended.*

Click "Save and Continue"

Step 2: Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Fill in the boxes and make sure all information is complete and accurate.

NCSA College Recruiting Advertisement

Please do not feel obligated to click yes. If you select yes, you will be contacted by an agency sales representative. Your coach and/or school support staff at your school will be able to assist with the college recruiting process.

Step 3: Medical History

Complete the questionnaire. This will create the student-athlete's medical release card.

Click "Save and Continue"

Step 4: Program

Select the Insurance Group purchased based on the amount paid and the sport of participation. For multiple sport athletes, select the group of the sport with the highest amount paid.

Click "Save and Continue"

Step 5: Signatures

Read each statement and type first and last name for student and/or parent/legal guardian in the signature box. Be sure to use exact name used in the Student Information and Parent/Guardian Information steps. Make sure the parent signing this is the same one providing the photo ID.

Click "Save and Continue"

Step 6, Files/Uploads Section Documents are to be scanned and uploaded per required section.

*****Please note that required documents with multiple pages can be uploaded as individual pages as either PDF or JPEG.*****

A. EL2 – Preparticipation Physical

You can download the approved sports physical from this section and upload after being completed by the appropriate personnel. Physical must be stamped, signed, and dated by the appropriate medical personnel to be valid. **You only need to upload Page 4!**

Upload to the box that says: Upload EL2/Physical

B. Birth Certificate

****All student-athletes must submit a birth certificate***

C. Proofs of Residence

Upload the Proof of Residence (examples: current electric/water/gas bill within the last 30 days, full, current lease (all pages), mortgage statement within the last 30 days, tax record showing homestead exemption).

D. FHSA Required Course Video Certificates

Upload the required certifications individually as either PDF or JPEG. Certificates must be in student's name and dated after May 15, 2025

Required videos (links on page 1 of this document)

1. Concussion For Students (**do not** sign up for the one with a similar name!)
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest
3. Heat Illness Prevention
4. Sportsmanship

Note: The Concussion course may appear twice on the clearance; please upload the certificate in both slots.

All courses are free and completed online by the student-athlete at www.nfhslearn.com

E. Proof of Insurance

Upload mandatory school insurance card that can be printed after enrolling student-athlete at: <https://hcpsathleticprotection.com/>

F. Government Issued Photo ID

Upload Government issued photo ID of parent or legal guardian completing the registration.

Address on photo ID must match address of the required proof of residence. Government issued photo ID is **not** considered the required proof of residence.

G. Enrollment Form

Click "Save and Continue"

Documents are reviewed by the Assistant Principal for Administration. Once he has reviewed your application, you will receive an email stating you are approved to participate or denied* to participate in athletics. If you are denied participation, you will need to correct the outstanding items indicated. Multiple denials may result in needing to schedule an office visit with the APA. Prospective student-athletes are subject to a home visit to verify residency.

Once you've received an email stating that the student-athlete is cleared for participation. Prior to receiving a clearance email, the student-athlete may not begin participation. Providing the clearance email to your coach can assist with the student-athlete being allowed to begin participating.

For more information, contact APA Joe Humphrey at joseph.humphrey@hcps.net

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT ATHLETES SUCH AS THOSE COMING FROM CHARTER, VIRTUAL OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS. CONTACT THE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.