

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING AN OCPS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.**



As a public service and member of the community, The School Board of Orange County, Florida allows “Student Athletes” to use school facilities, such as gymnasiums, weight lifting rooms, locker rooms, and sports tracks and fields. A Student Athlete participating in “Off-Season Sports Activities” at any Orange County Public School “OCPS” location is completely voluntary. **The School Board of Orange County, Florida shall not accept financial responsibility for payment of medical expenses in the event a student is injured during Off-Season Sports Activities or while on District Property.** You are encouraged to maintain insurance (health insurance or accident insurance) on your child/ward, covering any injuries or illnesses the student may incur on District Property.

**The supplemental accident policy purchased by OCPS does NOT provide coverage for students participating in Off-Season Sports Activities.**

**Parent/Guardian Statement:** I, the parent, named below, acknowledge receipt of this notice and give permission for my child/ward, named below, to participate in “Off-Season Sports Activities” held at OCPS District Property. I understand and agree that my child’s/ward’s participation is voluntary and any illness or injury incurred by my child/ward is not covered by any insurance maintained by The School Board of Orange County, Florida. I understand and agree to be financially responsible for any medical expenses incurred by my child/ward for any and all illness or injury incurred at Off-Season Sports Activities. This shall not preclude any gross negligence on the part of The School Board of Orange County, Florida or its employees.

I further confirm the following: **(Please select one and complete this form)**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child/ward does not have insurance and I agree that I will be financially responsible for all medical expenses in the event of an illness or injury my child/ward incurs at an Off-Season Sports Activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do carry insurance for my child/ward with insurance company \_\_\_\_\_; policy number: \_\_\_\_\_. If any insurance on my child/ward denies any medical expenses or cancels such insurance mid-term, then I further agree that I will replace such insurance or be financially responsible for all medical expenses in the event of an illness or injury my child/ward incurs.

Student’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(one form per child)

Enrolled at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Acknowledgement by Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S OFFICE**

**Parent/Legal Guardian can purchase supplemental accident insurance on their child/children from School Insurance of Florida. Check out their website for reasonable priced insurance.**

[www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com](http://www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com).

## Definitions:

- **District Property** – any land or improvement, property or facility owned, leased or used by OCPS.
- **OCPS** – The School Board of Orange County Florida, better known as Orange County Public Schools.
- **Off-Season Sports Activities** – any sports-related activity for a sport, sanctioned by the FHSAA, but the sport activity occurs outside of the FHSAA sports season. This may include, but is not limited to, open gyms, conditioning programs, sports camps, weight lifting, scrimmages.
- **Sports Season** – as determined by Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), including sideline and competitive cheer. For marching band, the season will follow FHSAA calendar for football. For rowing, the season is the entire OCPS school year. Excludes OCPS summer break, unless FHSAA sport season allows for the sanctioned sport to extend into OCPS summer break.
- **Student Athlete** – any registered student of OCPS that has tried out and been accepted to an OCPS sports team or sport activity or is planning to try-out in the upcoming sports activity season. This shall also apply to any registered student of OCPS that has tried out and been accepted to an OCPS cheer squad/team, rowing/crew team or marching band (including their units, such as drill team, flag corp., majorette).