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Sports Packet for the 2023-2024 School Year- Valley View Charter Montessori

Dear Parents:

The Buckeye Union School District continues to make every effort to offer athletic programs with appropriate equipment, transportation as required, and knowledgeable staff to coach teams. While these programs are offered to all students free of charge, the district is appreciative of past donations made by parents that have afforded us the opportunity to continue to offer athletic programs.

The estimated cost of offering athletic programs are listed on the permission slip. If you choose to make a donation to the district for this program, you may do so by providing payment to your child's school when you submit the attached forms. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to your child's school.

We appreciate your efforts in helping us continue to provide a quality sports program for our students.

B.U.S.D. ATHLETIC CODE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

I. ALL PARTICIPANTS:

- A. Must attend a school in the Buckeye Union School District.
- B. Grade and/or age restrictions may apply.
- C. Must complete and sign (Student and Parents/Guardians) the Agreement for Activity Participation giving permission for Student to participate, prior to participating in practices, meets or any other activities.
- D. Are expected to behave respectfully at all times. Our team members are representatives of their school and are expected to behave accordingly.

II. NOTICE TO PARENTS:

- A. There will be a sign in/sign out sheet at each practice, meet or game. Students need to be picked up/signed out promptly after practices, meets and games.
- B. If bus transportation is provided to an event that occurs in a location other than your child's school, it is expected that **all team members ride the bus to the event**. At the end of each event, it is expected that students will be picked up **by their own parent/guardian or other pre-approved adult. Parents/guardians or designees must sign their child(ren) out before leaving the event with them. Parents/guardians or designees may only sign out their own children.**
- C. **IF YOUR STUDENT NEEDS TRANSPORTATION AT THE END OF THE ACTIVITY BACK TO THEIR SCHOOL SITE – NOTIFY THE SITE PRINCIPAL IMMEDIATELY.**

Keep Their Heart in the Game

A Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet for Athletes and Parents/Guardians

What is sudden cardiac arrest?

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is when the heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. When this happens blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is NOT a heart attack. A heart attack is caused by a blockage that stops the flow of blood to the heart. SCA is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the victim to collapse. The malfunction is caused by a congenital or genetic defect in the heart's structure.

How common is sudden cardiac arrest in the United States?

As the leading cause of death in the U.S., there are more than 300,000 cardiac arrests outside hospitals each year, with nine out of 10 resulting in death. Thousands of sudden cardiac arrests occur among youth, as it is the #2 cause of death under 25 and the #1 killer of student athletes during exercise.

Who is at risk for sudden cardiac arrest?

SCA is more likely to occur during exercise or physical activity, so student-athletes are at greater risk. While a heart condition may have no warning signs, studies show that many young people do have symptoms but neglect to tell an adult. This may be because they are embarrassed, they do not want to jeopardize their playing time, they mistakenly think they're out of shape and need to train harder, or they simply ignore the symptoms, assuming they will "just go away." Additionally, some health history factors increase the risk of SCA.

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What should you do if your student-athlete is experiencing any of these symptoms?

We need to let student-athletes know that if they experience any SCA-related symptoms it is crucial to alert an adult and get follow-up care as soon as possible with a primary care physician. If the athlete has any of the SCA risk factors, these should also be discussed with a doctor to determine if further testing is needed. Wait for your doctor's feedback before returning to play, and alert your coach, trainer and school nurse about any diagnosed conditions.

What is an AED?

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is the only way to save a sudden cardiac arrest victim. An AED is a portable, user-friendly device that automatically diagnoses potentially life-threatening heart rhythms and delivers an electric shock to restore normal rhythm. Anyone can operate an AED, regardless of training. Simple audio direction instructs the rescuer when to press a button to deliver the shock, while other AEDs provide an automatic shock if a fatal heart rhythm is detected. A rescuer cannot accidentally hurt a victim with an AED—quick action can only help. AEDs are designed to only shock victims whose hearts need to be restored to a healthy rhythm. Check with your school for locations of on-campus AEDs.



The Cardiac Chain of Survival

On average it takes EMS teams up to 12 minutes to arrive to a cardiac emergency. Every minute delay in attending to a sudden cardiac arrest victim decreases the chance of survival by 10%. Everyone should be prepared to take action in the first minutes of collapse.

Early Recognition of Sudden Cardiac Arrest



Collapsed and unresponsive.
Gasping, gurgling, snorting, moaning or labored breathing noises.
Seizure-like activity.

Early Access to 9-1-1



Confirm unresponsiveness.
Call 9-1-1 and follow emergency dispatcher's instructions.
Call any on-site Emergency Responders.

Early CPR



Begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) immediately. Hands-only CPR involves fast and continual two-inch chest compressions—about 100 per minute.

Early Defibrillation



Immediately retrieve and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) as soon as possible to restore the heart to its normal rhythm. Mobile AED units have step-by-step instructions for a bystander to use in an emergency situation.

Early Advanced Care



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Responders begin advanced life support including additional resuscitative measures and transfer to a hospital.

Keep Their Heart in the Game

Recognize the Warning Signs & Risk Factors of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)

Tell Your Coach and Consult Your Doctor if These Conditions are Present in Your Student-Athlete

Potential Indicators That SCA May Occur

- Fainting or seizure, especially during or right after exercise
- Fainting repeatedly or with excitement or startle
- Excessive shortness of breath during exercise
- Racing or fluttering heart palpitations or irregular heartbeat
- Repeated dizziness or lightheadedness
- Chest pain or discomfort with exercise
- Excessive, unexpected fatigue during or after exercise

Factors That Increase the Risk of SCA

- Family history of known heart abnormalities or sudden death before age 50
- Specific family history of Long QT Syndrome, Brugada Syndrome, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, or Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia (ARVD)
- Family members with unexplained fainting, seizures, drowning or near drowning or car accidents
- Known structural heart abnormality, repaired or unrepaired
- Use of drugs, such as cocaine, inhalants, "recreational" drugs, excessive energy drinks or performance-enhancing supplements

What is CIF doing to help protect student-athletes?

CIF amended its bylaws to include language that adds SCA training to coach certification and practice and game protocol that empowers coaches to remove from play a student-athlete who exhibits fainting—the number one warning sign of a potential heart condition. A student-athlete who has been removed from play after displaying signs or symptoms associated with SCA may not return to play until he or she is evaluated and cleared by a licensed health care provider. Parents, guardians and caregivers are urged to dialogue with student-athletes about their heart health and everyone associated with high school sports should be familiar with the cardiac chain of survival so they are prepared in the event of a cardiac emergency.

I have reviewed and understand the symptoms and warning signs of SCA and the new CIF protocol to incorporate SCA prevention strategies into my student's sports program.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SIGNATURE

PRINT STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME

DATE

For more information about Sudden Cardiac Arrest visit

California Interscholastic Federation
<http://www.cifstate.org>

Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation
<http://www.epsavealife.org>

National Federation of High Schools
(20-minute training video)
<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61032>





CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY INFORMATION SHEET

Student:	Address:	
Grade:	Telephone:	
School:	School Year:	DOB:

Pursuant to Education Code Section 49475, before a Student may try-out, practice, or compete in any District-sponsored extracurricular athletic program, including interscholastic, intramural, or other sport or recreation programs (including cheer/dance teams and marching band), but excluding physical education courses for credit, the student and parent/legal guardian must review and execute this Concussion and Head Injury Information Sheet. Once signed, the Sheet is good for one academic year (Fall through Spring) and is applicable to all athletic programs in which the Student may participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CONCUSSIONS

If a Student is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during an athletic activity, the Student shall be immediately removed from the activity. The Student will not be allowed to resume any participation in the activity until he/she has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider (MD or DO for CIF-governed interscholastic sports; MD, DO, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant for all other sports/athletic activities), who must affirmatively state (1) that he/she has been trained in concussion management and is acting within the scope of his/her licensed medical practice, and (2) the student has been personally evaluated by the health care provider and has received a full medical clearance to resume participation in the activity. By law, there can be no exceptions to this medical clearance requirement.

Depending on the circumstances of a particular practice or game, a supervising referee/umpire, coach/assistant coach, athletic trainer, or attending health care provider may determine that a student should be removed from an activity based on a suspected or potential concussion or head injury. The following guidelines will be used: (1) in the case of an actual or perceived loss of consciousness, the student must be immediately removed from the activity; (2) in all other cases, standardized concussion assessment tools (e.g., Sideline Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT-II), Standardized Assessment of Concussion (SAC), or Balance Error Scoring System (BESS) protocol) will be used as the basis to determine whether the student should be removed from the activity. For the safety and protection of the student, once a supervising individual makes a determination that a student must be withdrawn from activity due to the potential existence of a concussion or head injury, no other coach, player, parent or other involved individual may overrule this determination.

Once a student is removed from an activity, the parent/guardian should promptly seek a medical evaluation by a licensed health care provider, even if the student does not immediately describe or show physical symptoms of a concussion (headache, pressure in the head, neck pain, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, blurred vision, balance problems, sensitivity to light or sound, feeling "slow," "foggy," or "not right," difficulty with concentration or memory, confusion, drowsiness, irritability or emotionality, anxiety or nervousness, or difficulty falling asleep). If the student reports or shows any of these symptoms, immediate medical health care should be obtained. If a parent or legal guardian is not immediately available to make health care decisions, the District reserves the right to have the student taken for emergency or urgent evaluation or medical care in keeping with the authorization contained in the Agreement for Team Participation.

Dated: _____ Dated: _____

Student _____ Adult _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

AGREEMENT FOR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

(INCLUDING WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF POTENTIAL CLAIMS, AND STATEMENT OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS)

All sections of this Agreement must be completed, with the signed original delivered to the School Office, before a Student will be allowed to participate in any manner in the Activity defined below
A separate Agreement is required for each Activity in which the Student may participate.

Name of Student	Address:
Grade:	DOB:
School:	Telephone:
Activity/Sport/Club/Class/Program:	

In Consideration for the Student's ability to participate in a Student Activity, Student Sport, Student Club, and/or a Special Class or Program (including after-school sports or other programs or classes involving special risks of harm or injury) listed above (the "Activity"), including any try out or process used to select members to join or participate in the listed Activity, or attendance or participation in any Activity meeting, class, competition, show, event, or presentation, including travel to and from any meeting, class, competition, show, event, or presentation ("Activities"), the Student and the Parent or Legal Guardian ("Adult") signing this Agreement agree as follows:

1. It is a privilege, not a right, to participate in extra-curricular activities, including Activities. The privilege may be revoked at any time, for any reason, that does not violate Federal, State or District laws, policies or procedures. There is no guaranty that the Student will make the Team, remain on the Team, or actively participate in Team events, shows, performances, or competitions. Such matters shall remain exclusively within the judgment and discretion of the District and its employees.

2. The Student and Adult understand the nature of the Activity, and its associated Activities. The Student and Adult have taken all actions on their part necessary to and have determined that Student is in sufficiently good health and physical condition to participate in the Activities and the Student voluntarily wishes to participate in the Activities. The Adult consents to the Students involvement in the Activities.

3. The Student shall comply with the instruction and directions of Activity teachers, coaches, supervisors, chaperones, and instructors. During the Student's participation in Activities, as well as academic and/or other school activities, the Student shall comply with all applicable Codes of Conduct. The Student shall also generally conduct himself/herself at all times in keeping with the highest moral and ethical standards so as to reflect positively on himself/herself, the Activity and the District. Failure to meet these obligations may, in the discretion of the District, result in immediate removal from Activities and a prohibition against any future involvement in Activities or other extra-curricular activities. Should the violation of these obligations also result in bodily injury or property damage during Activities, the Adult will (a) pay to restore or replace any property damaged as a result of the Student's violation, (b) pay any damages caused to bodily injury to an individual, and (c) defend, protect and hold the District harmless from such property damage or bodily injury claims.

4. Participation in Activities might result in injuries, potentially including serious or life threatening injuries or death. Injuries might arise from the Student's actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of another Student or participant in Activities, or the actual or alleged failure by District employees, agents or volunteers to adequately coach, train, instruct, or supervise Activities. Injuries might also arise from an actual or alleged failure to properly maintain, use, repair, or replace physical facilities or equipment available for Activities. All such risks are deemed to be inherent to the Student's participation in Activities. By this Agreement, the Student and Adult are deemed to fully assume all such risks and, in consideration for the right of the Student to participate in Activities, understand and agree that to the fullest extent allowed by law they are waiving and releasing any potential future claim they might otherwise have been able assert against the District, or any Board Member, employee, agent or volunteer of the District ("Released Parties") by or on behalf of the Student or any parent, administrator, executor, trustee, guardian, assignee or family member and further understand that transportation to or activities at another location are "field trips" or "excursions" for which there is complete immunity pursuant to Education Code § 35330..

5. If the Student believes that an unsafe condition or circumstance exists, or otherwise feels or believes that continued participation in Activities might present a risk of Injury, the Student will immediately discontinue further participation in Activities, notify School personnel of the Student's belief, and notify a parent or guardian of the Student's belief. Any parent or guardian of the Student shall, thereafter, not allow the Student to participate in Activities until the unsafe condition or circumstance is remedied, with any question or concern regarding the alleged existence of the unsafe condition or circumstance addressed to their satisfaction.

6. Emergency medical information regarding the Student is on file with the District and is current. The Adult agrees to provide updated medical information during the course of the Student's participation in Activities. If an injury or medical emergency occurs during Activities, District employees, agents or volunteers have my express permission to administrator or to authorize the administration of urgent or emergency care, including the transportation of the Student to an urgent care or emergency care provider. In such circumstances, notice to me and/or the Emergency Contact of the injury or medical emergency may be delayed. Therefore, any urgent or emergency care provider has my express authority to conduct diagnostic or anesthetic procedures, and/or to provide medical care or treatment (including surgery), as they may deem reasonable or necessary under all existing circumstances. All costs and expenses associated with such care are solely my responsibility.

7. Employees, agents or volunteers of the District, members of the press or media, or other persons who may attend or participate in Activities, may photograph, videotape, or take statements from the Student. Such photographs, videotapes, recordings, or written statements may be published or reproduced in a manner showing the Student's name, face, likeness, voice, thoughts, beliefs, or appearance to third parties, including, without limitation, webcasts, television, motion pictures, films, newspapers, yearbooks, and magazines. Such published or reproduced items, whether or not for a profit, may be used for security, training, advertising, news, publicity, promotional, informational, or any other lawful purpose. I hereby authorize and consent to any such publications or reproductions, without compensation, and without reservation or limitation.

8. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. This Agreement is to be broadly construed to enforce the purposes and agreements set forth above, and shall not be construed against the Released Parties solely on the basis that this Agreement was drafted by the District. If any part of this Agreement is deemed invalid or ineffective, all other provisions shall remain in force. No oral modification of this Agreement, or alleged change or modification of its terms by subsequent conduct or oral statements, is allowed. This Agreement contains the sole and exclusive understanding of the parties, with no other representation relied upon by the Adult or Student in determining whether to execute this Agreement or in agreeing to participate in Activities.

BY SIGNING BELOW: (1) I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL RIGHTS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES; (2) I HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE, AND WITH FULL APPRECIATION OF THE RISKS INHERENT IN ACTIVITIES; (3) I HAVE NO QUESTION REGARDING THE SCOPE OR INTENT OF THIS AGREEMENT; (5) I, AS A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, HAVE THE RIGHT AND AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT, AND TO BIND MYSELF, THE STUDENT, AND ANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, ASSIGN, HEIR, TRUSTEE, OR GUARDIAN TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT; (6) I HAVE EXPLAINED THIS AGREEMENT TO THE STUDENT, WHO UNDERSTANDS HIS/HER OBLIGATIONS.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian Signature Date

As the Student, I understand and agree to all of obligations placed on me by this Agreement.

Printed Name of Student Signature Date