



STUDENT ATHLETE ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Arlington Public Schools, like most public schools, does not provide accident insurance to cover the medical costs associated with injuries your student(s) may sustain during the school day and its activities and athletics.

As a courtesy to the families of Arlington Public Schools, we are providing information on student accident insurance coverage for our athletes.

- Insurance coverage is a **mandatory requirement** for participation in high school athletic activities sponsored by the Virginia High School League (VHSL). VHSL is the governing body for Virginia's public schools' interscholastic athletics and activities.
- Insurance coverage is **required** for participation in APS athletic activities in middle school.

If students do not have medical insurance required to cover them in the event of an athletic injury, coverage is available to families through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) program. FAMIS is available to families who meet certain income and other eligibility requirements. The program is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Information about FAMIS is attached and additional information and forms are available online at http://www.coverva.org/main_apply.cfm.

Students needing insurance to participate in middle or high school athletic programs may also obtain coverage for a fee of \$41 for the school year through a commercial company. Coverage for football is available at an additional cost. This optional plan was selected by the APS Office of Risk Management after consultation with the Insurance Broker of Record for APS and the APS Office of Health, Physical and Driver Education and Athletics. Information about this commercial student insurance option was distributed to the schools. If you need a copy, please contact your child's high school Director of Student Activities, or middle school Student Activities Coordinator. You may also access the student insurance application at www.k12studentinsurance.com or call 1-888-574-6288 or 919-846-9798.

Sincerely,

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