

BUFFALO ATHLETICS

Requirement to Participate

Any student wishing to participate in athletics at The Villages High School or The Villages Charter Middle School must have a completed online athletic clearance via AthleticClearance.com prior to participation in practice, workouts or games.

Below is a quick-step guide to Athletic Clearance:

Step 1: Visit AthleticClearance.com

Step 2: Select **Florida**

Step 3: Select **Create an account**. Parents/Guardians please register using a valid email address as your username and create your password. Once you have registered, please **Sign In** and complete the athletic clearance for your student.

Step 4: Select **Start Clearance Here**

Step 5: Choose the **School Year** *Current registration is for 2023-2024 school year only*

Choose the **School** - **Villages** - This applies to VHS and VCMS students.

Choose **Sport(s)** If your student is a multi-sport athlete or is considering participation in multiple sports **Add New Sport** for each additional sport at the time of initial "sign in" to avoid the need for additional electronic signatures at a later time.

Step 6: Complete all required fields: **Student Information** (*Please enter grade student is attending for 23-24 school year*), **Parent/Guardian Information, Educational Information, Medical Information and Signature Forms/Pages**.

Step 7: Upload Files:

- **Medical Eligibility Form** (page 4 of the FHSAA EL2 Form) is a form to be filled out and signed by parent/guardian, student and medical provider. Parent/Guardian will upload the *Medical Eligibility Form* on AthleticClearance.com or turn the form in to their students school for upload by the athletic department. Physical forms (FHSAA EL2 - 4 pages) can be picked up at the VHS or VCMS front office or printed from VHS Athletics, VCMS Athletics or FHSAA website.
- **NFHS Course Certificates** - NFHS (FHSAA Required) Courses are linked to each students Athletic Clearance account. Students register/sign in to www.NFHSLearn.com and complete the three courses. Courses will be renewed each year on June 1st for the following school year. Certificates should be uploaded to the students Athletic Clearance page.
- **Birth Certificates** - Please upload a copy of students birth certificate to their athletic clearance. This will only need to be done with initial registration.

Step 8: Once you reach the **Confirmation Message** you have completed the registration process.

Your student is not Cleared Yet! All data will be electronically filed with your school's athletic department for review. When the student has been **cleared for participation**, an email notification will be sent to the email address on file with Athletic Clearance.

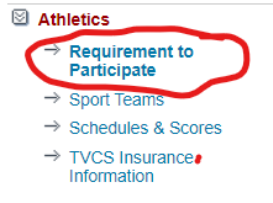
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Athletic Clearance?

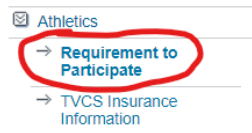
Athletic Clearance is our new platform for collecting All “paperwork” required for participation in Buffalo Athletics.

Where do I start or Where do I find the link?

The link is under the **Athletics** tab on the VHS and VCMS web pages under **Requirement to Participate**. Here you will find step by step instructions.



VHS



VCMS

What school year are we signing up for?

We are currently accepting sign ups for the 2023-2024 school year for incoming 6th through 12th grade athletes. **Be sure to click on the 2023-2024 year before continuing your registration.**

What is our school name in Athletic Clearance?

We are listed as **Villages** in Athletic Clearance. If you do not see Villages check to see that you have selected the correct year (2023-2024).

If my student athlete has a current physical on file do I still need to sign up?

Yes, please complete the entire registration process for each student athlete who may be participating in a VHS or VCMS sport during the 2023-2024 school year. **We cannot set up an account for your student, thus they may miss practice and workout time if they do not have an Athletic Clearance account set up and cleared.**

Do I have to complete the **Signature Pages** if my student is current?

Yes, please complete All aspects of the Athletic Clearance registration process so that your athlete can be completely cleared by VHS or VCMS staff.

What do I enter for **Grade In School**?

Please enter the grade in which they will be attending starting in August of 2023.

Do I have to register my student for each sport they plan to participate in?

No, please be sure to **Add Sport** at the time you choose the first sport.

If I forgot a sport. How can I add a sport to my students Athletic Clearance?

If you need to add a sport to your student profile please contact VHS Athletic Trainer steven.zimmerman@tvcs.org or VCMS Athletic Director chris.anderson@tvcs.org

It is easier for us to input a new sport otherwise you have to input a new profile for that one sport.

My students Athletic Clearance says Pending, what does that mean?

If your students profile is in Pending or In Progress status you are missing an upload or have not completed a required task (i.e. signature pages).

What is NCSA?

NCSA is a national recruiting service that advertises on Athletic Clearance. If you want more information respond Yes (just be ready for emails, texts and/or phone calls). If this is not for you respond No.

Are the NFHS Courses required to complete Athletic Clearance registration?

No, not at this time. NFHS courses are available on each student's account, but are not due until after June 1st of each year. Then they will be good for that next school year.