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Virgin Islands Department of Education Reminds Parents: Student Physicals Required for Participation in School Sports

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) reminds parents and guardians that all students interested in participating in school sports for the 2025–2026 school year must complete the required physical examinations prior to participation.

Physical evaluations are a critical step in ensuring the safety and well-being of student-athletes, allowing healthcare providers to assess a child's readiness to participate in physical activities and identify any underlying health concerns that may require attention.

Students will not be permitted to participate in school sports without completing and submitting the Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form and the Sports Clearance Form to their respective schools. Both forms can be found online on the VIDE website at <u>vide.vi</u> under Sports and Athletics. Parents and guardians are encouraged to schedule these physicals as soon as possible to avoid delays in their child's ability to participate in practices and games when the school year begins.

Participation in school sports offers students valuable opportunities for growth, teamwork, and physical fitness. Completing the required physicals help to ensure that the health and safety of student-athletes remains a top priority as they pursue excellence on and off the field.

For additional information or questions regarding the required forms and process, please contact Reneah Guzman, Program Manager, at reneah.guzman@vide.vi.

The VIDE thanks parents and guardians for their cooperation in keeping students safe and prepared for a successful athletic season.

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