



Central Bucks School District

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The Central Bucks Schools will provide all students with the academic and problem-solving skills essential for personal development, responsible citizenship, and life-long learning.

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the 2008-2009 athletic seasons the CBSD Middle and High School Athletic Departments would like to make you aware of some important changes made by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) and the PIAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee concerning your child's pre-participation physical.

All physicals performed in 2007-2008 school year will be invalid as of May 31, 2008. The PIAA's previous policy allowed a student-athlete's pre-participation physical form to be valid for one calendar year. However, the PIAA's current policy now states initial physical examinations are valid for one academic year - June 1st – May 31st.

The required PIAA physical form is now known as the **Comprehensive Initial Pre-participation Physical Examination** or **CIPPE**. CBSD has used this form for the last couple of years and it is available in every middle school and high school athletic office. The CIPPE forms are also available on-line at www.cbsd.org or www.piaa.org. The parent/guardian and the student's personal care physician should complete this CIPPE form. The form must be returned to the school prior to the start of the athletic season.

If a student participates in multiple sports during the same school year, the student-athlete's parents will need to complete **Section 5** of the CIPPE form (**re-certification**) prior to the start of the new season. A physician's signature is not required for re-certification unless the student-athlete has suffered a serious injury/illness that caused the student-athlete to: 1). Miss ten or more days of school; 2). Miss 50% or more of games/contests; or 3). Suffered a season-ending injury.

If your son/daughter plans to participate in interscholastic athletics next year, please understand **no student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practice or games unless their CIPPE was performed on or after June 1st**. The Central Bucks Athletic Directors understand the confusion and inconvenience this may cause some families. However, we must follow all rules and regulations governed by the PIAA.

If you have any questions or concerns about these requirements, please contact the school's athletic department or go to www.piaa.org. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Please go to or call your school's athletic department with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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