

TERRA

Environmental Research
Institute

Frequently Asked
Questions About
Athletics



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- **How can I join an athletic team?**
 - Before students can tryout for an athletic team they must meet the following criteria
 - Registered for classes at TERRA Environmental Research Institute.
 - Turn in a completed physical form.
 - Pay for student accident insurance
 - Turn in a completed student participation behavior contract

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the length of my high school eligibility?**
 - All students have 4 years from the time they first enter the 9th grade.

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- **How do absences and tardies affect my eligibility for participation?**
 - The behavior contract states that once a student reaches 11 days of suspension (combination of indoor and outdoor), 10 absences (excused and/or unexcused), 20 tardies (excused and/or unexcused) the student becomes ineligible for the remainder of the school year.

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- **What is the minimum GPA requirement for participation in athletics?**
 - Students must meet the 2.0 GPA requirement that is cumulative from the first year entering the 9th grade.
 - Students must also meet the previous semester conduct GPA of 2.0

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- **May I compete in an athletic event if I am absent from school?**
 - No; all students must be present in school the day of the scheduled event.

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- **May I compete if I am suspended from school or assigned to SCSI?**
 - No; any student who is on outdoor or indoor suspension is ineligible to compete during the time of their suspension.

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- **What type of insurance should my parents purchase for me?**
 - Miami-Dade County School Board rule states that all students who wish to tryout and participate in an athletic activity must purchase school accident insurance which is sold through the athletic department.

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- **Are these insurance requirements different for the various sports offered?**
 - All sports require the standard school accident insurance.

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- **What sports are offered at TERRA?**

- **Fall:**

- Girl's volleyball

- Boy's and girl's golf

- Boy's and girl's cross country

- **Winter:**

- Boy's and girl's soccer

- Boy's and girl's basketball

- **Spring:**

- Softball

- Baseball

- Badminton

- Boy's volleyball

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- If a sport is not offered at **TERRA**, can I participate in that sport at my home school?
 - No; students may only participate at the school he/she attends.

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- **How many times do I have to purchase athletic insurance?**
 - Once.

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- **How do I learn more about the rules associated with a specific sport?**
 - Each coach will teach and instruct the rules and skills associated with the specific sport.

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- **May I participate in a club sport while participating in a school sport?**
 - Yes; each coach will have specific rules regarding participation in practices and competitions relating to their team.

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- **What does a physical for athletics assess?**
 - The athletic physical includes an overall physical evaluation which accesses vision, blood pressure, height, weight and an orthopedic evaluation.

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- **Do I have to pay to participate in athletics?**
 - No; students are not required to pay a fee to participate in athletics. Many teams hold fundraisers to raise money for their specific team which may include the participation of parents and students.

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- **Do I have to provide my own equipment?**
 - Certain sports; specifically individual sports (golf) require students to provide their own equipment.

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- **What is the age limit for participation in athletics?**
 - Once a student reaches the age of 19 years 9 months they become ineligible for athletic participation.

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- **Who is eligible to participate in athletic competition?**
 - Any student who is regularly enrolled in TERRA and meets the academic eligibility requirements.

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- **What happens when I have to miss class for an athletic event?**
 - It is the student's responsibility to get all work missed due to an athletic event. The absence is recorded as excused.

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- **Is transportation provided for all athletic events?**
 - Yes; buses are provided for all away events. When transportation is provided, students must ride the bus to and from the event.
 - In the event a bus is unavailable or a coach chooses not to use a bus; field trip forms will be issued stating it is the responsibility of the parent to transport their child to the competition.

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- **Who can I contact with questions related to athletics?**
 - You can contact the school's athletic director at: Lanelson@dadeschools.net

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