



# AUTHORIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

As parents or legal guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ we hereby authorize and consent to our child's participation in interscholastic athletics and sports. We understand that the sport in which our child will be participating is potentially dangerous and that physical injuries may occur to our child requiring emergency medical care and treatment. **We assume the risk of injury to our child that may occur in an athletic activity.**

In consideration of the acceptance of our child by the Washington County Public Schools in its athletic program and the benefits derived by our child from participation, we agree to release and hold harmless the Board of Education of Washington County, its members, the Superintendent of Schools, the principal, all coaches, and any and all other of their agents, servants, and/or employees and agree to indemnify each of them from any claims, costs, suits, actions, judgements, and expenses arising from our child's participation in interscholastic athletics and sports and any injuries received therefrom and expenses related thereto.

We hereby give our consent and authorize the Board of Education of Washington County and its agents, servants, and/or employees to consent on our behalf and on behalf of our child, to emergency medical care and treatment in the event we are unable to be notified by reasonable attempts of the need for such emergency medical care and treatment.

We understand and agree that we will be responsible for all medical bills and costs that may be incurred as a result of medical care and treatment of our child, and we agree to provide proof of insurance coverage of our child against accidents and injuries in school sponsored games, practice sessions and during travel to and from athletic contests.

Students who have elected to participate in the athletic program will be required to practice and participate in scheduled contests after regular school hours and possibly on non-school days. Supervision at practice, games and travel will be provided by the school.

In addition, it is recognized that all students must comply with eligibility regulations that govern athletics in Washington County Public Schools as issued by the Washington County Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

Every candidate for and participant on an interscholastic team must obtain and maintain insurance against possible accident or injury in school-sponsored games, practice sessions, and during travel to and from athletic contests. Such coverage may be provided by the purchase of scholastic accident insurance (through the school); otherwise, proof of similar or superior coverage must be presented. **Football insurance must be purchased separately from other insurance options.** There is no guarantee that all medical bills and expenses will be borne by the football insurance coverage.

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

I also declare and affirm that my child resides within the attendance area of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School)

or is attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School)

with the special permission of the Office of Pupil Services of The Washington County Board of Education. If a student is attending a high school without the benefit of residing\* within the school's attendance area and/or special permission of the Office of Pupil Services, the student in question is subject to disciplinary action which could result in the loss of athletic eligibility for a period of time, ineligibility in a specified sport for the forthcoming year or penalties as may seem justified in the particular case. It is also possible for the athlete's team and school to be penalized.

I/We understand and agree to all of the above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature

\*Residing means with parents or legal custodians.