

## **Ferndale Area Athletics – Parent Letter – 2026-2027 Physicals**

**Ferndale Area School District will be offering FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS for all student-athletes participating in the 2026-2027 sports seasons in grades 6 through 11 on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, during school hours. Physicals are given by the medical staff from Family Medical Center. If you would like to have your child's physical done FREE OF CHARGE on this date, please complete Pages 1-5 of the 6-page CIPPE form (PIAA physical) and return it to Mr. Clawson no later than Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Please make sure everything is completed properly, including all signatures, or it will be returned home to be completed correctly. If not complete, the PIAA physical cannot be approved by the medical personnel. **This physical will be good for the entire 2026-27 school year, so we would highly recommend getting the physical done FREE OF CHARGE by the school district on May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

If you choose NOT to have your physical done at the school, you will have to get the physical done by your PCP, iCare, MedExpress, MedWell, or somewhere else that does sports physicals **on or after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. This must be submitted to the school before the first official practice of the first sport that the student participates in for the school year. Please make sure the PIAA physical form used by your doctor is the one revised on July 16, 2025 (see bottom of first page). This is the form that has been given to each student and is the most recently revised PIAA physical form. Many doctor's offices do not know about the updated forms, so please take this one with you for the doctor to complete if you choose to go that route. Also, please let them know that there is an updated form if they are not aware. It can be found at [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org). It will also be posted on the FAHS Athletics website if they would like to print a copy to use.

***\*\*\*ALL PHYSICALS FOR FERNDALE AREA STUDENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO FAHS EVEN IF THE ATHLETE IS PLAYING IN A CO-OP SPORT FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL. WE WILL SEND THEIR COMPLETED TO PHYSICAL TO THE CO-OP SCHOOL BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS.\*\*\****

**Fall sports begin on the following dates:**

**Varsity Golf and Varsity Football: August 10, 2026**

**All other Fall sports: August 17, 2026**

**Please make sure you are signed up for the team messages for your son/daughter's sport/activity to get messages throughout the Summer regarding open gyms and the Fall Camp schedule. Ferndale Area now uses the GroupMe app for their team communication. Johnstown uses the Remind app. Conemaugh Valley football uses the SportsYou app.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to Steve Clawson, Athletic Director, by phone (814-288-5757) during school hours or by e-mail at [sclawson@fasdk12.org](mailto:sclawson@fasdk12.org). Also, please check out our online sports calendars, which can be accessed from the Athletics link on the High School Website. <https://www.fasdk12.org/athletics-extracurricular/high-school-athletics>

Thank you for supporting Ferndale Area Athletics!