



BFA Athlete Information

Physicals

It is the policy of BFA to require a physical examination every two years for students engaged in interscholastic athletics. These physicals are at the expense of each individual. The Athletic Director has an available recommended form or an appropriate substituted doctor's form/proof is acceptable.

Insurance

All candidates are required to furnish proof of accident/health insurance before participating in any tryouts, practice sessions, or athletic contests. BFA does not purchase insurance for its athletes. Each year the school district does make available a school-time insurance program at a nominal fee to all students enrolled at BFA.

Form/Contract

The activity permission form and participation contract must be completed and signed by the candidate and his/her parents or guardians prior to eligibility for practice and/or play. Separate forms must be completed for each activity in which the athlete is a candidate.

Tryouts

In some activities it may be necessary to reduce the number of participants to a manageable size, particularly when considering safety, fiscal resources, equipment, facilities, and coaching personnel. It will be the responsibility of the coach/advisor to make decisions concerning what the final number of participants in an activity will be. The decisions reached will be consistent with goals and objectives of the specific program.

Hazing/Harassment/Bullying (HHB)

Bellows Free Academy is a school that is legally compliant when working with students on Hazing, Harassment and Bullying (HHB).

Recently the Vermont Agency of Education put forward updated policies on HHB. These changes are reflected in our Student-Parent Handbook, as well as on our website: bfa.fcsuvt.org.

Our policies and procedures outline the steps we will follow, should we find that an infraction has occurred. BFA reserves the right "to impose strict discipline immediately for first offenders where the situation/circumstances warrant it". (Page 12 VPA Leadership Academy: Educational Legal Issues).

If you are a parent that does not have access to an electronic version of this information, contact BFA and we will provide you with a print copy.