

Bernards Township Athletic Department Notice

REVISED ATHLETIC REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDES THE OPIOID USE AND MISUSE FACT AND SIGN OFF SHEETS

In response to the opioid use and misuse in our present society, the recently signed New Jersey law P.L.2017, c.167 has mandated that the New Jersey Department of Education implement an opioid fact and sign off sheet to be issued to, and completed by, student-athletes including cheerleaders and their parents starting in Spring 2018.

The **Opioid Use and Misuse Educational Fact Sheet** will now be a part of the athletic registration packages for both William Annin Middle School and Ridge High School in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.10. As required by law, schools must obtain a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the fact sheet from each student-athlete and for students under age 18, the parent or guardian must also sign.

Also, in accordance with the law, the fact sheet must be distributed and the sign off sheet completed and collected for each student-athlete prior to the first official practice session of the spring 2018 athletic season and annually thereafter prior to the student's first official practice of the school year.

It is hoped that the Opioid Use and Misuse Educational Fact Sheet will serve as an informational and educational resource to student-athletes and parents of the inherent risks and dangers in the use and misuse of opioids.

Both William Annin Middle School and Ridge High School have already incorporated the Opioid Fact Sheet into their electronic athletic registrations.

Click here to view the Opioid Fact Sheet:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/students/safety/behavior/atd/opioid/FactSheet.pdf>

Ridge High School Athletics: <http://ridgehigh.bernardsboe.com/sports>

William Annin Middle School Athletic Organization: www.wamsao.com