

AES APPROVAL PROCESS

AES Student-Athletes will need to be approved for participation by TKA Athletic Department and GAPPS (MS) or GIAA (HS) prior to tryouts. For sports that do not have tryouts, AES Student-Athletes must be approved prior to registering for a sport.

PART 1 - TKA AES APPLICATION FOR ALL AES ATHLETES

Each academic year, AES (homeschooled) athletes interested in participating in TKA Athletics will need to complete the following:

1. Fill out the AES Interest contact form found on the TKA Athletic Forms website:
<https://www.thekingsacademy.org/athletics/Forms.cfm>
2. When we receive the interest form, the Athletic Department will email a link for the parent and student athlete to complete the TKA AES Application. Cost \$40/athlete.
3. If the student's application is approved, they will need to go through the steps below.

PART 2 – GAPPS MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (Do not begin this step until approved by TKA)

GAPPS approval is required before a Middle School athlete can participate in tryouts, practices and meets. GAPPS will charge you a \$50 fee per student each year. If your student's eligibility is denied for any reason, your fee will be refunded by GAPPS.

NEW TO GAPPS PORTAL:

1. Begin by going to the GAPPS AES Application Parent Portal <https://aes.gappsports.com/>
2. Download and read through the Parent Handbook and Application Instructions
3. Follow directions on the Application Instructions to create an account, add your students who will be participating in sports with TKA Athletics as a homeschooled student, and upload your documentation. If you have other children who plan to play a winter or spring sport with us, we recommend that you go ahead and submit paperwork for all of your children now. Make a note of your login id and password since you will need to access this site each year.
4. Please email Victoria Matteson vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org to let me know that you have completed the application so that I can monitor the approval process for your student.

RETURNING MIDDLE SCHOOL AES TO GAPPS PORTAL:

1. Log into GAPPS AES Application Parent Portal and upload required documents.
<https://aes.gappsports.com/>

PART 3

Once the athlete has been approved by GAPPS, submit the following forms via email to vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org. Forms available for download:

<https://www.thekingsacademy.org/athletics/Forms.cfm>

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (new athletes only)
2. GAPPS Pre-participation Physical form
3. Middle School Affidavit of Eligibility (new MS athletes only)
4. GAPPS Concussion Acknowledgement Form (new MS athletes only)
5. GAPPS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form (new MS athletes only)

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY – GIAA

PART 2

Submit the following forms via email to vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org. Forms available for download: <https://www.thekingsacademy.org/athletics/Forms.cfm>

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (new athletes only)
2. GIAA Pre-participation Physical form (new and returning athletes)
3. GIAA Student/Parent Concussion Awareness form (once per academic year)
4. GIAA Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form (once per academic year)
5. GIAA Heat Policy Awareness Form (once per academic year)
6. High School Affidavit of Eligibility (new HS athletes only)
7. HS AES ONLY: Transcript of all courses taken since 9th grade including enrolled courses for next semester (new and returning athletes)
8. HS AES ONLY: GIAA AES Student-Athlete Information Form (new and returning athletes)
9. HS AES ONLY: Georgia Declaration of Intent to Homeschool form (must have electronic signature dated no later than September 1st of the current school year) (new and returning athletes)
10. HS AES SENIORS ONLY: Senior Exit Form

PART 3

The parent/legal guardian of the AES is responsible for completing the GIAA AES Student Application form for your student to be considered for GIAA eligibility. There is a \$150 fee associated with the AES application. Application: <https://form.jotform.com/250905130962150>

During the application process, you will need to upload a copy of:

- Your student's birth certificate
- Georgia Declaration of Intent to Homeschool form with electronic signature
- Copy of standardized test from 9th grade year (first page only showing your student has taken a standardized test) (not always required)

PART 4 – ENROLL IN TKA CLASS (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN MARCHING BAND, CHEER, MASCOT & STUDENT TRAINER TEAMS)

1. HS AES Athletes are required by GIAA to enroll in one class at TKA during the semester of participation. Student must be enrolled and attending prior to tryouts for all sports except Cheer and Volleyball. Students must complete the semester to get credit for the class and to be able to participate in sports the following year. Class options are:
 - a. Weightlifting – Monday & Wednesdays, 6:30am-7:30am at Hopewell Baptist Church, 78 Ridge Rd, Canton. Cost is \$250/semester. Contact the TKA Athletic Department to enroll in weightlifting: vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org

- b. TKA Choir or Concert Band – when there are openings in the class. Requires a full year registration beginning in August. Cost determined by TKA annually.

Choir meets Thursday afternoons. If interested, contact Anna Walter
awalter@thekingsacademy.org to inquire about availability.

Concert Band meets Thursday mornings. If interested, contact Lisa Adams
ladams@thekingsacademy.org to inquire about availability.