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Southeast Orthopedics and Sports Medicine has been named official medical providers for Jackson High School and Eagle Ridge Christian School. SoutheastHEALTH orthopedic physician Anthony McPherron, DO, and SoutheastHEALTH sports medicine physician Andrew Lawrence, MD, will serve as the schools' team physicians.

Under the agreement with Jackson, a physician will provide sideline coverage for home football games alongside their team athletic trainers. At Eagle Ridge, an athletic trainer will be at all home sporting events. In addition to the medical coverage SoutheastHEALTH will offer on-site pre-participation athletic physicals at both schools.

McPherron said the Southeast Orthopedics and Sports Medicine team is excited to work with student athletes to "help keep them at their physical best which will also positively impact performance in their sport. Working with student athletes is very rewarding, especially when we can help them get back in the game after an injury."

Jackson High School Athletic Director and Assistant Principal John Martin said, "We met with Dr. McPherron and the athletic trainers and were impressed with what they had to offer." He noted that this newest partnership is an extension of an already established relationship with SoutheastHEALTH, which provides wellness screenings for Jackson R-2 faculty and staff as well occupational medicine services.

At Eagle Ridge Christian School, Athletic Director Andrew Mellies said Southeast will cover all boys soccer and girls volleyball, winter boys and girls basketball, spring girls soccer and track. "We have been looking for someone to offer medical coverage for home events. Southeast Orthopedics and Sports Medicine seemed like a perfect fit. They are proactive with students and coaches. We enjoy having them here."

In August, Southeast Orthopedics and Sports Medicine was named official team physicians for Southeast Missouri State University's NCAA Division 1 student athletes. With that agreement and for the first time, medical coverage is also included for intramural and club sports student athletes and the River Campus performers.

### About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 50 care locations in 13 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for patients in a four-state area. Learn more at [SEhealth.org](http://SEhealth.org).

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