

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**TO PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) OF INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SPORTS ELIGIBILITY**

Each student in grades 9-12 who wishes to participate in a sport must be aware of the following requirements in order to be eligible to participate. These rules are requirements of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and cannot be waived. Each student in grades 9-12 who wishes to participate in a sport must have the proper forms on file prior to the beginning of conditioning or practice of any sport. These forms consist of:

**1. Athletic Medical History/Consent & Physical Examination Form:** Each student in grades 9-12 must have a Physical Examination Form signed by a physician that provides proof of your individual physical fitness to participate. This physical is valid for **one year** from the date it is given.

**2. Athletic Release of Liability, the Emergency Information Form & the OHSAA Consent Form:** These forms must be on file for each team member. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be asked for information on what to do in case of injury or if your child ever needs to be taken to a hospital. Students and parents must also acknowledge the risks associated with athletic participation.

\*These forms are available from your coach, from the office at the high school or online at [www.cps-k12.org](http://www.cps-k12.org) under General Information- Athletics. Make sure that you have this information completed prior to the start of practice.

Note: The school district has purchased insurance coverage for those who participate in our extracurricular programs. Medical expenses for accidental bodily injuries incurred during our supervised school extracurricular programs are considered. The insurance policy does not cover illnesses or conditions unrelated to an accidental injury. Our coverage is "in excess only" coverage which means that benefits are paid only after any insurance carried by your family has reached its maximum levels. If no medical insurance is currently available to your family, our policy will consider medical bills up to the limits of the policy.

**Academic Eligibility Policy:** Eligibility is established on a quarterly basis and is determined by grades received during the **preceding** quarterly grading period. **Semester, final grades, "fifth quarter" or rubric scores are NOT used to determine eligibility. Summer school grades may NOT be used to substitute for failing grades from the previous grading period or for lack of enough subjects taken during the previous grading period.**

**Grades 10-12:** Students in grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled and enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period. To be eligible by OHSAA standards, students must receive a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation. Student-Athletes in Grades 9-12 must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average, or higher, on a 4.0 scale. **Any student eligible by O.H.S.A.A. standards with a cumulative G.P.A. of less than 2.0 during the immediately preceding grading period will remain eligible provided they actively participate in identified academic intervention programs as formally established by his or her school. In order to be eligible, each student must maintain a minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) of no less than 1.0.** These intervention measures may include weekly eligibility checks, tutoring sessions, study tables, etc. Failure to participate in these intervention programs will result in ineligibility until the conclusion of the quarterly grading period. (All courses are to be counted in the cumulative average and quarterly eligibility is independent of the eligibility status of previous quarters).

**Grade 9: Effective August 1, 2010, an important new rule for students entering Grade 9 goes into effect:** Students entering the ninth grade for the first time may participate in extracurricular activities for the first quarter of the school year provided they were enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a **minimum of five** of those subjects in which the student received grades. After the first quarter, continued eligibility will be determined by the criteria outlined above pertaining to all other high school students. This is a new rule regarding initial freshman eligibility so please be aware of it. Eligibility or ineligibility is based solely on quarterly grades from the immediately preceding grading period. Semester, final, rubric, "fifth quarter" or summer school grades have no effect on establishing eligibility.

Note: Home schooled students wishing to participate in our athletic programs must be enrolled in at least one official course at their C.P.S. high school of choice in order to establish their eligibility.

**Age Limitations:** If you turn 19 years of age or older prior to August 1, 2010, you are **ineligible** for the 2010-2011 school year. Note: **When you enroll in Grade 9 for the first time, you have eight (8) semesters of eligibility from that point whether you participate or not.**

**Residence:** Provided the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) reside within the boundaries of the Cincinnati Public School District, a student is eligible at a C.P.S. school which has allowed them to enroll assuming all other eligibility standards are met. Where there has been a change of legal custody, a student must live in the same school district with their legal guardian.

**Transfer Policy:** If a student transfers after the fifth day of the student's ninth grade year from a non-public to a public school, from a public school to a public school within the Cincinnati Public School District or from a non-public school to a non-public school, the student will be ***ineligible for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.*** There are exceptions to this rule, so check with your school's Athletic Director for more information about this important OHSAA transfer rule.

Please call the High School you will attend for a complete list of all the activities and information on when practice and/or conditioning sessions will begin for Fall sports. Many of the high schools have websites that may be another good source of additional information. We strongly encourage you and your children to participate in the athletic and non-athletic extracurricular programs offered at our High Schools.

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