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Cincinnati Public Schools COVID-19 Athletics Update

Note to CPS Student-Athletes & Parents

We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy! On behalf of Cincinnati Public Schools Athletics, we want to reach out and commend CPS student-athletes and parents for adapting well in what's shown to be a unique, but difficult situation for our schools and athletic programs. We are sorry for those that lost their spring season and for our seniors and the way their high school athletic participation has ended. We want to encourage all of our seniors to stay strong at this time and know that we will always be here to support you as you transition to your next step in life.

We're excited to share that the CPS Athletics staff, along with various high school Athletic Directors, have collaborated with other departments from CPS to build an inventory of resources while gathering an abundance of support that we'd like to share with each of you.

In this memo you will find updates on our Virtual Athletics Plan, Fall Sports Student-Athlete Eligibility, OHSAA Updates & College Athletics Updates.

1. Virtual Athletics Plan

- a.*** It is vital at this time for us to connect with one another and show that we care by providing everybody with opportunities for learning & growth, continued education, as well as resources for health & safety, all while staying committed to highlighting & promoting our students and programs. To bring these concepts to life, CPS Athletics has created a Virtual Resource Center for student athletes that is accessible online. With the help of each of our high school Athletic Directors overseeing a particular area of focus (thanks to Activities Beyond the Classroom and all of the School ADs for being committed to our student-athletes), we've developed separate links for student athletes; these are being updated daily.

b. Student Athlete Resource Center

<https://remotelearning.cps-k12.org/virtual-athletics-plan/>

- i.*** Includes custom videos made by CPS coaches that walk you through work outs for specific days of the week, mental health resources, information on nutrition, information on highlighting seniors and spring sports programs and more! We are looking to continue to update content that is shared and would love your input/suggestions on how we can create more content.

2. Fall Sports: OHSAA Student Athlete Eligibility

- a. OHSAA Bylaw 4-4-1 indicates that a student must receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent (or five classes in grades 7/8 – possibly four classes if a current referendum issue passes) during the “immediately preceding grading period” in order to be eligible for the 2020 fall season.
- b. The “immediately preceding grading period” refers to the grading period of the school which immediately precedes the grading period in question. A “Pass,” “Satisfactory,” etc. is considered a passing grade.
- c. ***Cincinnati Public Schools students will receive a Pass or Incomplete for 4th quarter based on work completed and progress toward learning goals. Our student athletes will need to receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent (or five classes in grades 7/8 – possibly four classes if a current referendum issue passes).***
- d. It is our goal as a district to go into the fall sports season with 100% compliance in regards to academic eligibility for student-athletes. Do your part and hold your teammates accountable! Your coaches and athletic directors will be following up with all student athletes as well.
- e. **More detailed and important information on 4th quarter grading can be found on the CPS Remote Learning website.**
 - i. **Cincinnati Public Schools COVID-19 4th Quarter Grading Procedures**
 1. <https://remotelearning.cps-k12.org/grades/>

3. College Athletic Eligibility

- a. We have created the ***CPS COVID-19 College Athletic Eligibility Update*** document to provide centralized answers to frequent questions regarding collegiate athletic eligibility. This document will be shared with coaches, counselors, administrators, student athletes & parents.
 - i. <https://www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/images/Ath-NCAA-Update-Covid2020.pdf>

4. Other Updates

- a. OHSAA
 - i. In response to Governor DeWine cancelling the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has officially canceled the spring athletics season.
 - ii. The OHSAA is working to gather more information as it pertains to fall athletics and other areas impacted by the school closures.
 - iii. Please keep in mind; **the current no-contact period will remain in place at least through May 3, 2020. We will share more info as it is released.**

If you have further questions, please contact your coach or school [Athletic Director](#).