

**CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
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**TO PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) OF INCOMING 7th & 8th GRADE STUDENTS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SPORTS ELIGIBILITY**

Students entering Grade 7 or 8 in the Cincinnati Public Schools should be aware of the following requirements in order to be eligible to participate in athletics. These are requirements of the Cincinnati Public Schools and cannot be waived. Parent(s) or guardian(s) should make sure that they are aware of these rules. Please call the District Athletic Office if you have any questions.

Each student in Grades 7 or 8 who wishes to participate in a sport must have the proper forms on file prior to being allowed to participate in any athletic programs offered by the Cincinnati Public Schools. These forms consist of:

1. Parental Medical Authorization to Participate Form/Physical: It must be completed and signed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to participation.

2. Physical Examination Form: We strongly recommend and encourage students to get an annual pre-participation physical examination. Physicals are valid for one year from the date it is given. However, they are no longer *mandatory* for students in Grades 7 & 8 provided the parents complete and sign the Parental Medical Authorization to Participate Form.

3. Parental Release of Liability/Assumption of Risk Waiver: This form signed by both the student and his/her parent/guardian and must be on file for each team member.

4. Ohio Department of Health's Concussion Information Form: Parents and athletes have to read, sign and submit the Ohio Department of Health's Concussion Information Form prior to the start of each season.

These forms are available from your coach, from the office at your school or online at www.cps-k12.org under School - 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 athletic programs. Medical expenses for accidental bodily injuries incurred during our supervised school athletic programs are considered. The insurance policy does not cover illnesses or conditions unrelated to an accidental injury. Our coverage is "excess only" coverage meaning that benefits are paid only after any insurance carried by the family has reached its maximum levels. If no medical insurance is currently available for your family, our policy will consider medical bills up to the limits of the policy.

Academic Eligibility Policy: A student entering Grade 7 for the first time will be eligible during the first grading period of the school year regardless of previous academic achievement. To be eligible throughout the rest of the 7th grade year and as an 8th grader, students must be currently enrolled in school and receive a passing grade in at least five of those subjects in which the student received grades during the immediately preceding grading period. Note: There is no provision for academic probation for students who do not meet the minimum requirements for academic eligibility during their 7th & 8th grade years. Student eligibility will be established for each of the four quarterly grading periods during the school year. Note: Summer school grades cannot be used to determine eligibility. Eligibility for the first quarter of the school year for 8th graders is based on quarterly grades received during the fourth quarter of their 7th grade school year. Please contact your coach or school Principal for more information.

Age Limitations: Students who turn 15 years of age or older prior to August 1, 2016 are **ineligible** for the 2016-2017 school year in Grades 7 & 8. They may, however, participate in athletics, if they choose to do so, at the High School they would normally attend. 5th & 6th graders are not allowed to participate regardless of the grade they should be in.

Semesters of Participation: After a student completes the sixth grade and before the student enters the ninth grade, the student may be eligible for a period not to exceed **four** semesters taken in order of attendance, whether the student participates 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 CPS 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.

School District-sponsored athletic programs available for students in Grades 7 & 8 in the 2016-17 school year include Football and Girls Volleyball during the Fall season, Boys & Girls Basketball during the Winter season and Track and Field for boys & girls during the Spring season. **Note:** Students may participate on athletic teams for their school *and* also participate on other recreation teams offered outside the school district during the same season **unless specifically prohibited to do so by their League or Conference.**

Below you will find a list of schools and the athletic programs they will offer during the 2016-17 Fall and Winter seasons. Please call the main office at the school your son or daughter attends for information on when practice and/or conditioning will begin, etc. We strongly encourage your children to participate in our athletic programs.

2016-17 7th & 8th Grade Fall and Winter Sports.

Football (FB) Girls Volleyball (VB) Boys & Girls Basketball (BB).

<u>School:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>
Aiken Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB	363-6706
AMIS: VB	363-1800
Clark Montessori Jr. H.S.: (Call school for complete program offerings)	363-7014
Dater Jr. H.S.: FB (combined with Western Hills for Football), VB & BB	363-8940
Gamble Montessori: FB, VB & BB	363-0900
Hartwell: VB & BB	363-2300
Hughes Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB	363-7500
Oyler Jr. H.S.: VB & BB	363-4169
Riverview East Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB	363-3400
Roberts Paideia: BB	363-4600
Roselawn-Condon: FB, VB & BB	363-4800
S.C.P.A. Jr. H.S.: BB	363-8122
Shroder Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB	363-6908
Taft Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB (Boys Only)	363-8241
Walnut Hills Jr. H.S.: (Call school for complete program offerings)	363-8602
Western Hills Jr. H.S.: FB (combined with Dater Jr. H.S. for Football), VB & BB	363-8940
Withrow Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB	363-9205
Woodward Jr. H.S.: FB, VB & BB	363-9389

