



# Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

## Informational Hearing- Middle School Sports

Education, Youth and Older Adults Committee

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## BCRP Middle School Sports Program

### **Middle School Sports Program (Launched 2023)**

Administered by the BCRP Youth & Adult Sports Division, the program provides structured athletic opportunities for middle school-aged youth citywide through collaboration with BCPSS, charter schools, and community partners.

#### **Seasonal Offerings:**

- **Fall:** Co-ed Flag Football
- **Winter:** Boys & Girls Basketball
- **Spring:** Girls Volleyball & Co-ed Kickball
- **Summer:** Midnight Basketball

#### **Participation Snapshot:**

- **20 schools** (city + charter) have participated since inception
- **Average:** 6 schools per seasonal sport



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# Middle School Sports Strategic Outlook

## Vision:

**Every child deserves the chance to discover their sport. BCRP's vision is a Baltimore where all middle school students can access safe, structured, and diverse athletic experiences year-round.**

## Next 3 Years – Goals & Projections

- Enhance Existing Programs:** Strengthen consistency and quality across current offerings.
- Expand Access:** Fill critical gaps by delivering athletic opportunities and sports options that fall outside of City Schools' middle school athletics framework.
- System Alignment:** Collaborate with City Schools and stakeholders to build a unified citywide framework — including seasonal schedules and city championships.
- Sustainability:** Formalize shared roles in scheduling, facilities, and program coordination to maintain long-term alignment.



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# SUMMARY

BCRP's Middle School Sports Program has demonstrated strong participation and meaningful impact since 2023.

Moving forward, strengthening partnerships between **BCRP, City Schools, and community stakeholders** will be essential to expand opportunities, enhance equity, and establish a **sustainable citywide middle school athletics framework**.



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