



Informational Hearing
Baltimore City Council Bill 23-0174R

Middle School Sports Programs

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Agenda

- I. Initial work in school year 2022-2023
- II. Expanding the middle school sports offerings
- III. Detailed offerings & what students can expect

Expanded Middle School Sports Programming

For SY22-23 we piloted the expansion of middle school sports with

- five sports clinics (tennis, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball)
- eight sports with culminating activities (basketball, cross country, flag football, indoor and outdoor bocce, badminton, strength and conditioning, ultimate frisbee, track and field).

Around 1500 students participated from more than 30 different schools.





Expanded Middle School Sports Programming



For SY23-24 we will build on this work by providing an expanded middle school sports program with access to additional sports through a unique public-private partnership model.

The program is designed to offer opportunities for all 6th-8th-grade students enrolled in City Schools, including girls and students with disabilities, to explore athletics and expand the pipeline to high school sports.

Our program will be one of the most comprehensive district-led middle school sports programs in the country.

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Middle Schools Athletics Expansion Framework

District Coordinated Sports

- Basketball
- Bocce – Indoor
- Bocce – Outdoor
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Volleyball
- Track & Field

Vendor - Coordinated Sports

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Crew/Rowing
- Golf
- Kickball
- Lacrosse
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Squash
- Swimming
- Wrestling

The Student Experience

There will be four ways that students can play:

1. City Schools-sponsored interscholastics through a school-based team
2. Vendor-sponsored interscholastics through a school-based team
3. Vendor-sponsored interscholastics as a “free agent”
4. One-time clinics provided by City Schools and/or vendors





City Schools Role

- City Schools will implement 7 sports in-house and contract with a vendor to manage the remaining sports through an RFP process with an anticipated start date of the vendor-led sports being Winter 2024.
- City Schools will manage the selected lead vendor.
- City Schools will divide the 80 schools with middle grades into cohorts.
- Each cohort will be led by a Chair and Co-Chair who will serve as a primary contact for the group of schools and oversee the execution of middle school sports for that cohort.
- Each school will designate an Activity Advisor to coordinate all school-based athletics and collect and report data.
- Each school will designate a Coach to lead each team that schools sign up for.



Questions?

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