

## Athletic Eligibility – 2020-2021 School Year

During the COVID-19 pandemic, MPSSAA has communicated that adjustments to eligibility processes are at the discretion of each local school system. Based on BCPS’ updated grading and reporting procedures during COVID-19, a shift in athletic eligibility was required. The revised eligibility requirements are in greater alignment with our COVID-19 grading and reporting procedures.

All BCPS students would be eligible for Fall and Winter sports pending marking period 1 grades. The GPA requirement would be waived as some students have had no way to improve their GPA based on COVID-19. MP1 report card distribution will occur after the Winter practice season has started, but prior to any games being played. This timing is typical. The changes to eligibility are shown in the chart below and represent and include feedback from BCPS high school principals.

Student Group	Previous Model	COVID-19 Model
Rising 9th Graders	Open eligibility until MP1 grades	Open eligibility until MP1 grades
Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders	GPA $\geq$ 2.0 with no more than one failing, incomplete, or medical grade in the preceding quarter	Open eligibility until MP1 grades

As a reminder, the following Fall and Winter sports are affected by this change in student eligibility:

Fall	Winter
Badminton	Basketball
Cheerleading	Cheerleading
Cross Country	Indoor Track
Field Hockey	Wrestling
Football	Basketball
Golf	
Soccer	
Volleyball	