



Prince George's County Public Schools High School Consortium

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the 2007 fall sports season the Prince George's County Public School System's Interscholastic Athletic Program was plagued with eligibility issues. It is incumbent upon students, parents, coaches, and school administrators to ensure that this does not occur during the 2009 school year.

We must understand that as a system we have been fortunate enough to have students who were not on teams with great win/loss records; however, they were recruited and received full scholarships at Division I, II, and III colleges or universities. This was due in large part to the advancement in recruiting tools available to college coaches today and the quality athletic program throughout Prince George's County. If a student has the athletic ability, they will be noticed. They do not need to be on a winning team nor on a team that has won league, county or state championships. Championships are great, but they are a bonus for a select few.

Students who prove they can perform academically will be recruited and may receive some form of scholarships to attend a college or university regardless of the uniform they wear. Students who display good work habits, discipline, ethical and moral character, and good sportsmanship will be sought. In most cases, they will be rewarded.

It is critical that your son/daughter is legally registered and attending the school where your primary residence is located. Students who are not residing in their primary residence with their parent (s) or legal guardian (s) legitimately risk losing their eligibility and the possibility of infractions being leveled against the school (forfeitures for the athletic team) and/or coach.

An amnesty period will be offered for students participating in interscholastic athletics who are not residing in their school boundary. The amnesty period will run from **Friday, August 21, 2009 through Thursday, September 3, 2009**. Students attending schools illegally will be allowed to withdraw and enroll at the school where they reside without penalty. Students who are found in violation after the start of the sport season who cause an athletic team to forfeit athletic contests will be ruled ineligible for one year from the date of the infraction.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding eligibility, please feel free to contact the Office of Interscholastic Athletics at 301-808-8273 or 8274.

Sincerely,

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