



CCPS Family

Moving Forward

Fall Athletic Events

September 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a parent/guardian of a varsity football player, you certainly understand the excitement of Friday Night Lights, and we know that your child has spent many hours practicing and preparing for these games. Our teams and marching bands are a source of tremendous pride for our entire community.

While Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) has been given the opportunity to offer two tickets per student household to home games, it is critical to understand the current parameters within which CCPS is working when it comes to allowing spectators at games and the reasons **why** guidelines are in place.

[\(Click here to read important health requirements if you are planning to attend a game.\)](#)

Visiting Spectators for Varsity Football Teams:

At this time, family members of visiting teams are not permitted to attend **varsity** football games. The Department of Health-Collier approved limited spectator attendance as a means for minimizing the risk for COVID-19 transmission. For home varsity football games, marching band students will use the seats on the visitors' side when they are not playing on the field. This dedicated space allows them to follow social distancing guidelines. Marching band is a co-curricular activity, which means it is tied to a specific course in school and public performance is a graded requirement of this course. Even though we will not have traditional half-time shows this fall, we believe it is important to offer public performance opportunities for band members. It is also important to note that marching bands will not attend or perform at away games.

Visiting Spectators for Junior Varsity (JV) and Freshman Football Teams:

Visiting fans of JV and freshman teams will be allowed two tickets per student-athlete's household to attend since the visitors' stands will not be used by members of the marching band. Even though this may not apply directly to you, it is important for you to understand why those visiting fans will be allowed to watch in person.

How to Watch Online:

In order to help family members and fans (including our students) watch games from home, CCPS is excited to offer unlimited FREE streaming access to all of our football games by visiting www.collierschools.com/SportsLive. Select your school to access streamed events, and then follow the steps to create an account.

Thank you for your continued support and for understanding the parameters we are all navigating during this unique time.

Thank you.

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