

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS
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Montgomery County Public School (MCPS)
& B-CC Athletic Events

STATEMENT

A mission of the MCPS athletic program is to teach and reinforce in student-athletes values relating to wholesome competition, good sportsmanship and fair play. It is expected that spectators reinforce these values by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events. A condition of entry into an MCPS athletic event is that all spectators agree to recognize the event as an extension of the learning process, and that all present have the responsibility to model appropriate behavior. The event is a unique opportunity for spectators to be a part of a positive and productive learning environment and to model behavior appropriate to a high school setting.

EXPECTATIONS
For SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

- **APPLAUD** players for their efforts
- **ACCEPT** the decisions of officials
- **APPRECIATE** participants for their commitment
- **SUPPORT** school personnel in conducting an orderly and spirited contest
- **MAINTAIN** composure when breaks seem to go against your team
- **RESPECT** the rights of other spectators
- **REWARD** sportsmanlike behavior through cheering
- **FOCUS** attention on positive aspects of competition
- **ENCOURAGE** players by showing enthusiasm and positive recognition
- **DEMONSTRATE** concern for the safety and welfare of athletes

REMEMBER-

These young men and ladies are students and not professional athletes. They will make errors in the course of competition, as will game officials and coaches. However, all participants are trying their best. Negative criticism and booing will not help them to improve and are unacceptable forms of expression at this event. You can assist in their development as athletes by focusing attention on the positive aspects of their performance. Your cooperation is important and is appreciated.