



New FCPS Athletics Systemic Pre-Contest Sportsmanship & Safety Message w/ National Anthem

- To be played before both JV and varsity athletic competitions when possible (PA System)
- During varsity contests, this should be played after player introductions
- Total length in time (including National Anthem) is 3:34 - there is an additional 15 seconds at the end so it does not repeat.
- Schools/teams may choose to stop the message and use their own National Anthem/singer, etc.

Before we begin this contest, please direct your attention to this important message from Frederick County Public Schools. A special welcome is extended to teams, officials, and spectators to today's contest. We remind all participants of this event that Frederick County Public School policy prohibits the use or consumption of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products on school property. We also ask all spectators to remember that school athletic events are an extension of the classroom. Respect and sportsmanship are an important mission of the Frederick County Public Schools interscholastic athletics program. Please remember that these young students are not professional athletes; they are student-athletes and are representing their schools in a spirited competition. Please be positive in your support. We ask that you demonstrate respect for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and other spectators and ask you to play a positive role in promoting acceptable behavior which will allow the spirit of sportsmanship to shine through during this event.

Ladies and gentlemen, may we please have your attention for a few important safety announcements. In accordance with the State Fire Marshal's regulations and Frederick County Public Schools' "Avoid, Deny, Defend" methods, we ask everyone in attendance to identify at least two emergency exits, other than the way you entered the facility. We have checked these exits, and other emergency equipment, and have verified that they are available for use if needed. In case of an emergency, please pay close attention to the announcer for important life saving information.

Finally, FCPS is committed to providing a safe and positive atmosphere, free of any type of discriminatory behaviors or practices, for all involved at this event. Any use of discriminatory behaviors or practices are unacceptable and should be immediately reported to the athletic director or a school administrator. Additionally, for the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, officials, and fans, only authorized personnel will be permitted on the field or court before, during and after the competition.

Thank you. Now, enjoy the game.

Ladies and Gentlemen, to honor America, our citizens, and our military in this country and around the world, please stand, as able, and join in singing our National Anthem.