



THE FAIR PLAY COALITION IS FIGHTING FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO SPORTS FOR ALL NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

New York City students of color are disproportionately denied access to after school sports.

Sports help students build critical social and emotional skills like leadership, collaboration, and communication. They have been proven to improve academic success. Participation in sports is an important way for students to form community, express themselves, and stay physically and mentally healthy.

The **Fair Play Coalition** unites students, teachers, parents, and advocates fighting for equity in New York City public school sports. Fair Play is making historic strides to ensure that all New York City public high school students have the chance and opportunity to play after school sports.

Fair Play accomplishments:

- **2018:** Filed a class action lawsuit against the DOE and PSAL on behalf of Black and Latinx students calling for equity in public school sports.
- **2018:** students spoke with NYC Councilmembers on why sports are important and to lobby on behalf of a bill requiring the PSAL to be transparent in how it funds sports teams in schools.
- **2019:** Because of the work of students, the City Council unanimously passed the PSAL reporting and transparency bill.
- **2019:** Two Fair Play youth are among the recipients of the Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award.
- **2020:** Fair Play hosts first annual Sports Summit, bringing together non-profit sports organizations throughout NYC to talk about access to after school sports.
- **2021:** Fair Play youth participated in Up2Us Sports Young Voices webinar series titled “Leveling the Playing Field.”
- **2022:** The DOE and the plaintiffs in the class action lawsuit reached a settlement agreement requiring PSAL to expand Shared Access Programs to underserved school districts and add a minimum of 200 new teams by Spring of 2024.

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