

# PSAL All-Access Program

## Background

The goal of the PSAL All-Access program is to increase access to PSAL programming for schools that have traditionally been underserved. While there are schools in New York City with over 40 athletic teams, there are also schools that have historically had access to zero PSAL teams or minimal access as defined by having less than 6 teams. Additionally, resource limitations have resulted in many newer and smaller schools experiencing difficulties with building adequate athletic programs at their schools. Associated challenges include difficulty filling rosters due to limited enrollment, limited school resources to supplement costs, staffing shortages, and facility access.

## Current Work

PSAL All-Access is comprised of four different solutions that work in tandem to increase access:

1. **New Access:** There were nine general education high schools with no access to PSAL programming. All nine schools were contacted and informed that they were eligible to host two new teams. Of the nine, seven schools responded and selected their teams, and two schools we are continuing to work with.
2. **Shared Access:** Shared access programs (SAPs) involve bringing together multiple schools in close geographical proximity to create one larger athletic program that would grant students more access to sports and remove many of the associated challenges of running a robust athletic program in a small school. All-Access involves the creation of 30 total SAPs. Seven SAPs were created in FY19 and FY22 bringing our total to 14. We are currently working on creating nine additional SAPs for this school year.
3. **Individual Access:** Individual access involves creating pathways for students to participate in a sport not offered at their school or within their shared access program. Students are assigned to another school (host school) in the district or in the borough to try and out and participate. We are currently working to provide individual access opportunities for this Fall season to students attending schools with less than 6 teams and for all students for our Spring 2023 season.
4. **New Team Creation:** PSAL was granted additional funding to create new teams in schools with limited access to sports (less than six teams) with the goal of getting them 6 teams at a minimum. With the use of student interest surveys, the 50 schools in this category are being assisted in selecting teams that would allow them to have one team, per season, per gender.

## Fall 2022

- **Host Schools:** Host schools selected to begin this Fall will be notified via email from [LaQuana Chambers](#) starting **August 31** and will be invited to attend information sessions on **September 15–16**; registration details will be in the emailed invitation. Note: The next phase of host schools will begin their participation for the Spring 2023 season; the Spring season starts on **March 1**. Schools that serve as hosts work in conjunction with sending schools to oversee the administration of the sport(s), maintain records of all student-athletes, and communicate medical and disciplinary occurrences to PSAL and the student's sending school.
- **Sending Schools:** Principals and athletic directors of sending schools will receive an email in the coming weeks, from [LaQuana Chambers](#), with a link to share the Individual Access Student Interest Survey with their students. In the survey, students can indicate which sports they would like to play that are not offered at their home school.

Through these access points, all students will have access to PSALs' full suite of sports regardless of what school they attend starting Spring 2023. You may submit questions that you have about this program using this link: [PSAL All Access Questions](#)