



Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENTS
Passed by the 2019 Representative Assembly
 January 28, 2019

The ~~strike through~~ text is proposed to be deleted from the current handbook wording. The **bold** and shaded text is proposed to be added to the current handbook wording. Amendments that pass will go into effect on August 1 unless noted otherwise.

HS Amendment #1 establishes hard line numbers for high school classifications. If HS Amendment #1 passes, the enrollment numbers will be utilized for counting purposes in 2019 and will determine the classifications beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

HS AMENDMENT #1

4.1.0 CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS, page 6

4.1.0 DATES FOR CLASSIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS - All high schools ~~with 26 or more students~~ are to be classified according to enrollment in grades 9-11. (Schools new to the Association will take the average of their estimated enrollment for their first two years.)

4.1.1 The P-223 enrollment figures as sent to the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be used for classification purposes.

4.1.2 A school's classification is determined by the average monthly enrollment from January 1 through May 1, October 1 and twice the November 1 count of odd-numbered years and will be the basis for classification for the next four years.

4.1.3 The responsibility for investigating enrollment figures lies with the WIAA Executive Board and this may be invoked by any member school with the support of four (4) other member schools.

4.1.4 During the second year of the four year cycle, a school may appeal its determined classification. An appeal would be based on, but not limited to, circumstances involving significant change in enrollment during the first two years, history of declining enrollment, opening of a new school within the school district, or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the school. To appeal, a school must submit appeal paperwork to its current and - if applicable - new league, as well as its WIAA District Board. Appeals must follow WIAA handbook rule 4.9.1.

4.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS - High schools shall be classified as "4A", "3A", "2A", "1A", "2B" and "1B". Every four (4) years. The enrollment parameters for each classification shall be:

4A	1300+
3A	900 – 1299
2A	450 – 899
1A	225 – 449
2B	105 – 224
1B	1 - 104

~~adjusted to promote more equitable distribution in the number of schools. "4A", "3A", "2A", "1A", 17% of the total schools based on 9-11 enrollment from the top down (largest to smallest). The parameters for distribution for the "2B" and "1B" classification shall be 16% of the remaining schools per classification.~~

4.2.1 In four-year high schools (grades 9-10-11-12), any students who are repeating the 11th grade shall be deducted from the school's 9-11 WIAA enrollment figures for that year.

CONTINUATION OF HS AMENDMENT #1:

- 4.2.2 ~~School districts with a single high school and a separate, approved alternative school(s), as reported on district P-223 enrollment forms, must assign their students for WIAA Classification Head count purposes to the high school in which the students would normally be enrolled provided that the alternative school(s) is not a separate member of the WIAA with a demonstrated two year history of participation in the same number of WIAA sanctioned activities as other WIAA member schools of the same enrollment.~~
- 4.2.3 Students must be counted in their school of residence unless they are enrolled in a separately established member school. Member schools in this situation must attempt to gain league affiliation and demonstrate a two (2) year history of participation in the number of WIAA sanctioned activities comparable to other WIAA member schools of the same enrollment.

Equitable Entry into Post Season (Executive Board Action as per 8.12.6):

- 1. *The size of the number of entries into the state tournament would be determined by the number of schools in that classification*
- 2. *An approximate ratio of 4:1 (schools in the classification to number of entries into the state tournament) would be used to determine the size of the state tournament.*
- 3.

<i>Number of Schools</i>	<i>Number of State Tournament Entries</i>
<i>84+</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>69-83</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>53-68</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>37-52</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>20-36</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>19 or less</i>	<i>Combined with the smallest classification above or below</i>

HS Amendment #2 establishes adjusted enrollment figures based upon the high school Free or Reduced lunch count. If HS Amendment #2 passes, the enrollment numbers will be adjusted due to Free and Reduced Lunch data and will determine the classifications beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

HS AMENDMENT #2

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4.2.4 A schools **adjusted enrollment** will be used to determine that schools classification.

4.3.0 ADJUSTED ENROLLMENT

4.3.1 A 1A, 2A, 3A or 4A school's free and reduced lunch data as reported to the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the month of November of the reclassification year will be used to determine that school's adjusted enrollment. 1A, 2A, 3A or 4A schools with a free and reduced lunch count greater than the state wide average will have their Average Monthly Enrollment reduced.

4.3.2 Schools with a Free or Reduced lunch count greater than the state wide average will be adjusted as follows:

A. The reduction will match the percentage greater than the state wide average up to 40 percent (%) maximum.

B. A school could be moved down no more than one classification due to its adjusted enrollment.

- 4.4.0 OPTING FOR A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION** – A school may opt up to a higher classification. If a school chooses to opt up, it must be for all sports and activities under WIAA jurisdiction. **Schools must notify the WIAA office of their intent to opt up on or before the second Friday in January of the reclassification year.** There will be two (2) opportunities to opt up: A) The first opportunity will be prior to the enrollment count. After all the schools desiring to opt up have done so on WIAA Classification Commitment Form 3, the member schools will be divided into equal classifications after the numbers are finalized by the WIAA. B) The second opportunity to opt up will be a two week period after all the classification numbers have been finalized. A school opting up during this two week period must have approval from their District Board and the WIAA Executive Board. This rule will only be applied during the years that schools are reclassified using percentages.
- 4.5.0 CLASSIFICATION FOR ALL-BOY SCHOOL or ALL-GIRL SCHOOL** - In an all-boy or all-girl school, the **adjusted** enrollment is doubled to determine classification for athletics.
- ~~**4.5.0 CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOLS IN MULTIPLE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS** – In multiple high school districts the total grade level enrollment figures are listed on the OSPI P-223 form. The following method will be used to calculate a high school’s enrollment when that high school is part of a multiple high school district:~~
- ~~4.5.1 All of the district’s 9-11 grade September enrollment as reported to the WIAA office will be totaled.~~
- ~~4.5.2 Each high school’s percentage of that total will be determined by the September count as reported to the WIAA by each WIAA high school in a multiple high school district.~~
- ~~4.5.3 The percentage for each high school as calculated above will be applied to the school district’s January 1 through May 1, and October 1 through December 1 of odd-numbered years average as reported on the OSPI P-223 enrollment form to determine a single school’s enrollment.~~
- ~~**4.6.0 CLASSIFICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS** – School districts that have alternative high schools with a separate OSPI number or where students are housed away from the high school may deduct the alternative school enrollment count.~~