

Proposal to GHSA for 2016-17 Football School's Classification
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To: Mr. Gary Phillips
Mr. Dave Hunter

I hope you'll take a look and consider the following. I believe it will accomplish some good things for GHSA in the order of fairness and hopefully calm some of the divisions we're experiencing today between Public, Private and City Schools. Some of the advantages are...

1. It gives GHSA the ability to move Private and City schools up without a multiplier. The multiplier is flawed because a school may only be receiving 20 students from outside its zone, **but** those 20 students could all be stud football players from FBU.
2. It eliminates having to establish Private and City school attendance zones and percentages except for the purpose of eligibility requirements.
3. It balances out the number of Private and City schools within any given classification.
4. It removes all Private schools from Class A, therefore giving Class A **one** true State Champion.
5. It leaves the Class A city schools in Class A.
6. This is intended for any Private or City school that receives students from outside its attendance zone or on a tuition basis.

Please note – My numbers may be a little off but I believe the concept can be applied to accurate numbers and will work the same.

CURRENTLY:

After looking at the GHSA website and going over every region, here are the current numbers, as I see them:

- Total Schools (playing football) = 415
- Total Private/City schools in all classifications = 59
- Total Public schools **AFTER** removing all Private and City Schools = 356.

PROCESS:

Step 1 - Separate all City schools above Class A, along with all Private schools from every classification and set them aside.

(59 Total Schools)

Step 2 - Take the remaining 356 schools and, using their enrollment counts, break them up into six (6) classifications of A, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA & AAAAAA.

This will give you approximately 60 schools in each classification.

Step 3 - Then, using the enrollments of all Private and City schools, break them up into four (4) classifications. These 59 schools will be placed in Classification AA through AAAAA. (59 Private/City schools spread across four (4) classifications)

***Note- I would not divide them equally because there are too many Private schools with low enrollments coming up from class "A".**

Step 4 - Using the following formula, now bring the Private and City schools back into the mix by placing them as follows:

AA – The 20 Private/City schools with the lowest enrollments.

AAA – The next 15 Private/City schools based on enrollment.

AAAA – The next 12 Private/City schools based on enrollment.

AAAAA – The final 12 Private/City schools with the highest enrollments.

OUTCOME:

- Class AA would have 80 schools. (60 public / 20 Private or City)

An average of 10 per region

- Class AAA would have 75 schools. (60 Public / 15 Private or City)

An average of 9 per region.

- Class AAAA would have 72 schools. (60 Public / 12 Private or City)

An average of 9 per region.

- Class AAAAA would have 72 schools. (60 public / 12 Private or City)

An average of 9 per region.

Thank you for your consideration.

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