

Calhoun High School, Cartersville High School, and Jefferson High School would like to formally propose the changes below to the Georgia High School Association Reclassification Committee on Monday September 27th.

- Keep current 2.0 multiplier for out-of-district students.
- The multiplier (2.0) would only be applied to out-of-district students who participate in a GHSA activity.
- Member schools would be required to submit a list of out-of-district students who participate in GHSA activities to calculate a GHSA multiplier count number.
- Any current 9-12 out-of-district student not submitted to the GHSA by a member school would be ineligible to participate in GHSA activities for one calendar year from the submission date (same concept as a migrant student transfer).
- Failure to submit an out-of-district student who participates in a GHSA activity after the submission date will carry the same consequences as playing an ineligible player.
- The purpose of this proposal is for the multiplier to impact schools based on out-of-district student participation in GHSA activities.

2020-2021 Data For GHSA Reclassification

The data below represents the team athletic results recognized in one full year of a 2.0 multiplier (20-21 school year). Data was publicly acquired from the Georgia Athletic Director's Association website (<https://gadaonline.net/current-standings/>). The data below shows that private schools win state championships at a much higher rate than any public school (city or county). Furthermore, the data disproves the perception that city public schools dominate athletic competition compared to their county public school counterparts.

- **Private Schools Above 1A:** Lovett (2A), Pace (2A), Westminster (3A), GAC (3A), Marist (4A), Benedictine (4A), Blessed Trinity (5A), St. Pius (5A), Woodward (5A).
- **City Schools Above 1A:** Bremen (2A), Vidalia (2A), Thomasville (2A), Jefferson (4A), Cartersville (5A), Calhoun (5A), Decatur (5A), Buford (6A), Carrollton (6A), Dalton (6A), Valdosta (6A), Rome (6A), Gainesville (7A), Marietta (7A).
- **County Schools Above 1A:** Any public school that is not a private school or in a one-high school city, public school system.
- **Out-Of-District (OOD):** Out-of-district students are students that live outside of a school's attendance zone. Currently, OOD students are multiplied times 2 to place schools in classifications. According to the GHSA, the purpose of an OOD student multiplier is to level the playing field; however, data shows schools with a higher OOD population do not win state championships at a higher rate.

- **Private Schools (2A - 5A, 9 total private schools): 42 state championships.**
 - Private schools won 40.3% of possible state championships.
 - 104 possible state championships 2A - 5A ($42/104 = 40.3$).
 - State championships by school listed below (Top 9 - 42 state championships):
 - Westminster (44% OOD): 10
 - Marist (77% OOD): 9
 - Pace (46% OOD): 6
 - Lovett (37% OOD): 5
 - Blessed Trinity (75% OOD): 4
 - Woodward (95% OOD): 4
 - St. Pius (99% OOD): 3
 - GAC (98% OOD): 1
 - Benedictine (41% OOD): 0

- **City Schools (2A - 7A, 14 total city schools): 10 state championships.**
 - City schools won 6.4% of possible state championships.
 - 156 possible state championships in 2A - 7A ($10/156 = 6.4$).
 - State championships by school listed below (Top 9 - 10 state championships):
 - Marietta (3% OOD): 3
 - Buford (22% OOD): 3
 - Carrollton (34% OOD): 2
 - Jefferson (21% OOD): 1

- Dalton (6% OOD): 1
- Bremen (30% OOD): 0
- Vidalia (21% OOD): 0
- Thomasville (17% OOD): 0
- Cartersville (19% OOD): 0
- Calhoun (22% OOD): 0
- Decatur (4% OOD): 0
- Valdosta (8% OOD): 0
- Rome (9% OOD): 0
- Gainesville (4% OOD): 0

- **County Schools (2A - 7A, 307 total county schools): 104 state championships.**
 - **County schools won 66.6%** of possible state championships.
 - 156 possible state championships in 2A - 7A (104/156 = 66.6).
 - State championships by school listed below (Top 9 - 26 state championships):
 - McIntosh (1% OOD): 4
 - North Oconee (2% OOD): 4
 - Johns Creek (1% OOD): 4
 - Lambert (9% OOD): 3
 - Milton (4% OOD): 3
 - Walton (0.2% OOD): 2
 - West Forsyth (3% OOD): 2
 - North Gwinnett (2% OOD): 2
 - South Forsyth (12% OOD): 2
 - Alpharetta (2% OOD): 2
 - Cambridge (1% OOD): 2
 - Westlake (11% OOD): 2
 - Lassiter (13% OOD): 2
 - Cross Creek (12% OOD): 2
 - Oglethorpe County (2% OOD): 2
 - Parkview (4% OOD): 1
 - Newnan (3% OOD): 1
 - East Coweta (2% OOD): 1
 - Camden County (0.08% OOD): 1
 - Grayson (4% OOD): 1
 - Mill Creek (3% OOD): 1
 - Houston County (9% OOD): 1
 - Pope (7% OOD): 1
 - Wheeler (22% OOD): 1
 - Woodland (Bartow) (6% OOD): 1
 - Eagle's Landing (6% OOD): 1
 - Starr's Mill (7% OOD): 1
 - Jones County (1% OOD): 1
 - Warner Robins (2% OOD): 1
 - Heritage (Catoosa) (5% OOD): 1
 - West Laurens (11% OOD): 1
 - Carver, Columbus (25% OOD): 1
 - Baldwin (0% OOD): 1

- Chestatee (3% OOD): 1
- Southeast Whitfield (2% OOD): 1
- Stephenson (3% OOD): 1
- Rockmart (1% OOD): 1
- North Hall (7% OOD): 1
- Pierce County (0.3% OOD): 1
- Coahulla Creek (6% OOD): 1
- White County (1% OOD): 1
- Mary Persons (1% OOD): 1
- Hart County (0.7% OOD): 1
- Ringgold (1% OOD): 1
- Fannin County (0.4% OOD): 1
- Calloway (4% OOD): 1
- Jeff Davis (3% OOD): 1
- Heard County (6% OOD): 1
- Josey (0.6% OOD): 1

Findings:

The data shows that private schools dominated competition in classifications 2A through 5A during the 2020-2021 school year with 8 schools winning over 40% of the available state championships. When comparing public schools in classifications 2A through 7A, there is no correlation between winning GHSA state championships and a school's out-of-district population or being a city school compared to a county school.

- **Public schools with an out-of-district population below 10% won 66 state championships during the 2020-2021 school year (from above sample):**
 - Marietta, Dalton, McIntosh, North Oconee, Johns Creek, Lambert, Milton, Walton, West Forsyth, North Gwinnett, Alpharetta, Newnan, East Coweta, Camden County, Cambridge, Oglethorpe County, Parkview, Grayson, Mill Creek, Houston County, Pope, Woodland (Bartow), Eagles Landing, Starrs Mill, Jones County, Warner Robins, Heritage (Catoosa), Baldwin, Chestatee, SE Whitfield, Stephenson, Rockmart, North Hall, Pierce County, Coahulla Creek, White County, Mary Persons, Hart County, Ringgold, Fannin County, Calloway, Jeff Davis, Heard County, Josey.
- **Public schools with an out-of-district population above 10% won 17 state championships during the 2020-2021 school year (from above sample):**
 - Buford, Carrollton, Jefferson, South Forsyth, Westlake, Wheeler, Lassiter, West Laurens, Cross Creek, Carver (Columbus).

Furthermore, the state championship results from 2020-2021 show that high schools that are the only high school in a county won more state championships than city schools. Therefore, based on factual data, the reclassification committee may want to consider the advantage one high school counties have on other GHSA member schools. .

- Oglethorpe County, Camden County, Jones County, Baldwin, Pierce County, White County, Mary Persons, Hart County, Fannin County, Jeff Davis, Heard County (**12 state championships among this sample**).