

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE November 16, 2023

The Reclassification Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on November 16, 2023, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Jim Finch, President, to hear appeals about classification placements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Associate Director Carror Wright. Roll Call by Media Director Steve Figueroa showed the following: Present - 16; Absent - 1 (shown with "A" below)

Kirk Barton	Garrett Black	Jasper Jewell	Lacy Gilbert - sub	Jim Finch
Danny Redshaw	Brian Montgomery - sub	Reggie Wilkes	Mike Thompson	Curt Miller
Steve Waters	Bobby Brewington - A	Jesse Crews	Don Norton*	*Norton had to leave after the lunch break
Steven Craft	Jeff Battles	Kevin Petroski		

APPOINTMENTS

Paulding County - Kevin Thomas, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 2 in 6A to Region 3 in 6A

Motion by Barton, second by Thompson, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Passed 12-4 (Montgomery, Black, Battles, Petroski voted no)

Jones County - Chad Alligood, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 2 in 4A to Region 8 in 4A

Motion by Crews, second by Barton, to **Deny** the appeal

MOTION to Deny Passed 15-1 (Battles voted no)

Jonesboro - Gary Townsend, Clayton County AD, presented the request to move from Region 3 in 4A to Region 4 in 4A

Motion by Jewell, second by Montgomery, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Failed 3-13 (Craft, Jewell, Montgomery voted yes)

Mundy's Mill - Dwayne Davis, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 3 in 4A to Region 4 in 4A

Motion by Jewell, second by Montgomery, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Failed 3-13 (Craft, Jewell, Montgomery voted yes)

Holy Innocents' - Paul Barton, Headmaster, presented the request to move from Region 6 in 4A to Region 4 in 4A

Motion by Craft, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Failed 7-9 (Crews, Waters, Craft, Gilbert, Petroski, Redshaw, Thompson voted yes)

Pace Academy - Fred Assaf, Headmaster, presented the request to move from Region 6 in 4A to Region 4 in 4A

Motion by Crews, second by Montgomery, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Passed 12-4 (Finch, Miller, Thompson, Black voted no)

Northview - Scott Schwarzer, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 6 in 4A to Region 5 in 4A

Motion by Montgomery, second by Craft, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Passed 11-5 (Finch, Petroski, Thompson, Norton, Black voted no)

North Springs - Scott Hanson, Principal, presented the request to move from Region 6 in 4A to Region 5 in 4A

Motion by Waters, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Passed 12-4 (Norton, Petroski, Finch, Gilbert voted no)

Spalding - Thomas Hoffmann, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 2 in 3A to Region 5 in 3A

Motion by Miller, second by Montgomery, to **Deny** the appeal

MOTION to Deny Passed 14-2 (Battles, Wilkes voted no)

Gilmer - Paul Standard, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 6 in 3A to Region 7 in 3A

Motion by Finch, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal

MOTION to Approve Passed 15-1 (Petroski voted no)

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- Johnson-Gaines** - Tony Wagner, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 8 in 3A to Region 6 in 3A
Motion by Finch, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 12-4** (Norton, Barton, Battles, Craft voted no)
- North Cobb Christian** - Mike Timms, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 5 in 2A to Region 7 in 2A
Motion by Finch, second by Miller, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 14-2** (Craft, Battles voted no)
- Union County** - Mandy Hunter, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 8 in 2A to Region 7 in 2A
Motion by Crews, second by Redshaw, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 12-4** (Gilbert, Miller, Petroski, Battles voted no)
- Brantley County** - Geoff Cannon, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 1A-D1 to Region 3A-D1
Motion by Miller, second by Craft, to **Deny** the appeal
MOTION to **Deny Passed 13-3** (Petroski, Wilkes, Waters voted no)
- Dodge County** - Steve Greer, Principal, presented the request to move from Region 1A-D1 to Region 2A-D1
Motion by Redshaw, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 14-2** (Norton, Battles voted no)
- Landmark Christian** - Tommy Lewis, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 4A-D1 to Region 5A-D1
Motion by Montgomery, second by Waters, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 12-3-1** (Craft, Finch, Miller voted no, Gilbert abstained)
- Armuchee** - Joseph Pethel, Principal, presented the request to move from Region 6A-D1 to Region 7A-D1
Motion by Barton, second by Redshaw, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 15-1** (Battles voted no)
- Coosa** - Jeff Shiflett, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 6A-D1 to Region 7A-D1
Motion by Thompson, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 15-1** (Battles voted no)
- Oglethorpe County** - Mike Holland, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 8A-D1 to Region 4A-D1
Motion by Montgomery, second by Crews, to **Deny** the appeal
MOTION to **Deny Passed 13-1-1** (Finch voted no, Petroski abstained)
- Wesleyan** - Lacy Gilbert, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 8A-D1 to Region 5A-D1
Motion by Miller, second by Finch, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 13-0-2** (Petroski, Gilbert abstained)
- Crawford County** - Craig Puckett, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 4A-D2 to Region 6A-D2
Motion by Miller, second by Crews, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 15-0**
- Elite Scholars** - Tiffany Pippens, Athletic Director, presented the request to move from Region 5A-D2 to Region 7A-D2
Motion by Petroski, second by Black, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 15-0**
- Aquinas** - James Leonard, Athletic Director, presented an appeal to move UP from A-Div.1 to AAA because of isolation
Motion by Craft, second by Thompson, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 15-0**
- Screven County** - Brian Scott, Principal, presented an appeal to move DOWN from A-Div.1 to A-Div. 2 because of isolation
Motion by Finch, second by Black, to **Approve** the appeal
MOTION to **Approve Passed 12-3** (Wilkes, Petroski, Battles voted no)

The committee then entered into a lengthy discussion about the Playoff Evaluation Formula. There were many suggestions brought up during the discussion and the committee seemed to be in agreement that the formula would need some changes from the

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one originally presented.

It was therefore decided that the committee and the office would come up with a modified proposal, which will be presented when the full State Executive Committee meets to ratify the new classes and regions for the 2024-26 school years.

The proposal will be emailed to the State Executive Committee members as soon as possible and will be included on the agenda for the November 29 SEC meeting.

Executive Director Robin Hines then recognized the hard work of Associate Director Don Corr on the reclassification process and the committee applauded him.

There being no further business, Garrett Black made a motion to adjourn, Jasper Jewell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: The region alignments with the school movements that were approved can be found on the pages that follow.

Region Alignment for 2024-2026

AAAAAA (59)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAAAA (7)

Camden County
Colquitt County
Effingham County
Lowndes
Richmond Hill
Tift County
Valdosta

2-AAAAAA (6)

Alexander
Carrollton
Chapel Hill
Douglas County
East Coweta
Westlake

3-AAAAAA (8)

Campbell
Harrison
Hillgrove
McEachern
Osborne
Paulding County
Pebblebrook
South Cobb

4-AAAAAA (7)

Archer
Grayson
Grovetown
Heritage, Conyers
Newton
Rockdale County
South Gwinnett

5-AAAAAA (7)

Cherokee
Etowah
Marietta
North Cobb
North Paulding
Walton
Wheeler

6-AAAAAA (9)

Alpharetta
Denmark
Forsyth Central
Innovation Academy*
Lambert
North Atlanta
North Forsyth
South Forsyth
West Forsyth

7-AAAAAA (8)

Berkmar
Brookwood
Duluth
Meadowcreek
Norcross
North Gwinnett
Parkview
Peachtree Ridge

8-AAAAAA (7)

Buford
Central Gwinnett
Collins Hill
Dacula
Discovery
Mill Creek
Mountain View

Region Alignment for 2024-2026

AAAAA (60)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAAA (8)

Bradwell Institute
Brunswick
Evans
Glynn Academy
Greenbrier
Lakeside, Evans
South Effingham
Statesboro

2-AAAAA (6)

Coffee
Houston County
Lee County
Northside, Warner Robins
Thomas County Central
Veterans

3-AAAAA (8)

Banneker
Dutchtown
Hughes
Lovejoy
McIntosh
Morrow
Newnan
Northgate

4-AAAAA (8)

Arabia Mountain
Chamblee
Decatur
Dunwoody
Lakeside, DeKalb
Shiloh
Tri-Cities
Woodward Academy

5-AAAAA (7)

East Paulding
Kennesaw Mountain
Lithia Springs
New Manchester
Rome
South Paulding
Villa Rica

6-AAAAA (8)

Creekview
Lassiter
Pope
River Ridge
Riverwood
Sequoyah
Sprayberry
Woodstock

7-AAAAA (7)

Chattahoochee
Gainesville
Johns Creek
Lanier
Milton
Roswell
Seckinger

8-AAAAA (8)

Alcovy
Apalachee
Clarke Central
Eastside
Habersham Central
Jackson County
Loganville
Winder-Barrow

Region Alignment for 2024-2026

AAAA (61)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAA (6)

Benedictine
New Hampstead
Perry
Ware County
Warner Robins
Wayne County

2-AAAA (10)

Sub Region A
Eagle's Landing
Eagle's Landing Christian
Stockbridge
Union Grove
Woodland, Stockbridge
Sub Region B
Hampton
Jones County
Locust Grove
McDonough
Ola

3-AAAA (7)

Central, Carroll
Griffin
Harris County
Jonesboro
Mundy's Mill
Northside, Columbus
Starr's Mill

4-AAAA (8)

Creekside
Drew
Forest Park
Jackson, Atlanta
M. L. King
Mays
Midtown
Pace Academy

5-AAAA (10)

Sub Region A
Cross Keys
Marist
North Springs
Northview
Tucker
Sub Region B
Clarkston
Druid Hills
Lithonia
Southwest DeKalb
St. Pius X

6-AAAA (6)

Blessed Trinity
Cambridge
Centennial
Holy Innocents'
Kell
Westminster

7-AAAA (8)

Allatoona
Cartersville
Cass
Cedartown
Dalton
Hiram
Southeast Whitfield
Woodland, Cartersville

8-AAAA (6)

Cedar Shoals
East Forsyth
Flowery Branch
Madison County
North Oconee
Walnut Grove

Region Alignment for 2024-2026

AAA (63)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAA (6)

Bainbridge
Cairo
Dougherty
Monroe
Peach County
Westover

2-AAA (9)

Fayette County
LaGrange
Mary Persons
Sandy Creek
Spalding
Trinity Christian
Troup County
Upson-Lee
Whitewater

3-AAA (10)

Sub Region A
Groves
Liberty County
Long County
Southeast Bulloch
Windsor Forest
Sub Region B
Beach
Calvary Day School
Islands
Jenkins
Johnson, Savannah

4-AAA (9)

Aquinas
Baldwin
Cross Creek
Harlem
Hephzibah
Howard
Richmond Academy
West Laurens
Westside, Augusta

5-AAA (8)

Cedar Grove
Douglass, Atlanta
Luella
Mt. Zion, Jonesboro
North Clayton
Riverdale
Stephenson
Stone Mountain

6-AAA (8)

Chestatee
Dawson County
Greater Atlanta Christian
Johnson, Gainesville
Lumpkin County
North Hall
Pickens
White County

7-AAA (7)

Adairsville
Calhoun
Gilmer
Heritage, Catoosa
LaFayette
Northwest Whitfield
Ridgeland

8-AAA (6)

Cherokee Bluff
East Hall
Jefferson
Monroe Area
Oconee County
West Hall

Region Alignment for 2024-2026

AA (57)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AA (8)

Carver, Columbus
Columbus
Hardaway
Jordan
Kendrick
Shaw
Spencer
Sumter County

2-AA (6)

Callaway
Jackson
Morgan County
Pike County
Rutland
Westside, Macon

3-AA (6)

Appling County
Cook
Crisp County
Pierce County
Savannah Arts Academy*
Tattnall County

4-AA (9)

Burke County
Butler
Davidson Fine Arts*
Glenn Hills
Johnson, Augusta*
Josey
Laney
Technical Career Magnet*
Thomson

5-AA (7)

Carver, Atlanta
Coretta Scott King Academy*
Hapeville
KIPP Atlanta Collegiate
Lovett
Therrell
Washington

6-AA (6)

Columbia
Drew Charter School*
Miller Grove
Redan
Salem
South Atlanta

7-AA (9)

Coahulla Creek
Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe
Murray County
North Cobb Christian
North Murray
Ringgold
Rockmart
Sonoraville
Union County

8-AA (6)

East Jackson
Franklin County
Hart County
Hebron Christian Academy
Prince Avenue Christian
Stephens County

Region Alignment for 2024-2026

A Division I (78)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-A Division I (7)

Bacon County
Berrien
Brantley County
Fitzgerald
Jeff Davis
Thomasville
Worth County

2-A Division I (10)

Sub Region A
ACE Charter
Bleckley County
Central, Macon
Northeast
Southwest
Sub Region B
Dodge County
Dublin
East Laurens
Jefferson County
Washington County

3-A Division I (7)

Savannah Christian
Savannah Country Day
St. Vincent's Academy*
Swainsboro
Toombs County
Vidalia
Woodville-Tompkins*

4-A Division I (10)

Sub Region A
Greenforest Christian*
McNair
Southwest Atlanta Christian*
Towers
W. D. Mohammed*
Sub Region B
Jasper County
Lamar County
Putnam County
Social Circle
Utopian Academy

5-A Division I (18)

Sub Region A
Fellowship Christian
Galloway*
King's Ridge
Mount Vernon
Mt. Bethel Christian*
Mt. Pisgah Christian
St. Francis
Weber School*
Wesleyan
Sub Region B
Atlanta International*
B.E.S.T Academy
Ben Franklin Academy*
DeKalb School of the Arts*
Landmark Christian
Mt. Paran Christian
Paideia*
Walker
Whitefield Academy

6-A Division I (7)

Bremen
Darlington
Haralson County
Heard County
Model
Pepperell
Temple

7-A Division I (9)

Armuchee
Chattooga
Christian Heritage
Coosa
Dade County
Dalton Academy*
Fannin County
Gordon Central
Gordon Lee

8-A Division I (10)

Sub Region A
Banks County
Commerce
Elbert County
Rabun County
Tallulah Falls*
Sub Region B
Athens Academy
Athens Christian
Barrow*
Oglethorpe County
Providence Christian

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Region Alignment for 2024-2026

A Division II (80)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-A Division II (15)

Sub Region A

Calhoun County*
Early County
Pataula Charter
Quitman County*
Randolph-Clay
Southwest Georgia STEM*
Stewart County*
Terrell County

Sub Region B

Baconton
Baker County*
Miller County
Mitchell County
Pelham
Seminole County
Spring Creek

2-A Division II (8)

Atkinson County
Brooks County
Charlton County
Clinch County
Echols County*
Irwin County
Lanier County
Turner County

3-A Division II (12)

Sub Region A

Emanuel County Institute
Jenkins County
Metter
Portal
Screven County
Steam Academy*

Sub Region B

Bryan County
Claxton
McIntosh County Academy
Savannah
Savannah Classical*
Savannah Early College*

4-A Division II (7)

Dooly County
Hawkinsville
Montgomery County
Telfair County
Treutlen
Wheeler County
Wilcox County

5-A Division II (9)

Georgia Academy for Blind*
Georgia Military College
Georgia School for Innovation*
Glascoc County
Hancock Central
Johnson County
Stilwell Arts*
Twiggs County
Wilkinson County

6-A Division II (10)

Sub Region A

Central, Talbotton
Chattahoochee County
Marion County
Rainey-McCullers*
Webster County*

Sub Region B

Crawford County
Furlow Charter*
Macon County
Schley County
Taylor County

7-A Division II (11)

Sub Region A

Bowdon
Georgia School for Deaf*
Manchester
Mt. Zion, Carroll
Trion
Sub Region B
Atlanta Classical*
Elite Scholars Academy*
Fulton Leadership Academy*
Genesis Innovation*
Georgia Fugees Academy*
Greenville

8-A Division II (8)

Greene County
Lake Oconee Academy
Lincoln County
Taliaferro County*
Towns County
Warren County
Washington-Wilkes
Woody Gap*