

REALIGNMENT TIMELINE

2017-2021

- **October 28, 2015**—Initial orientation meeting for Realignment Committee; NCHSAA Office in Chapel Hill
- Date TBA—Draft of the initial plan will be distributed to member schools. It will be posted first on the NCHSAA web site.
- **January 8, 2016**—Deadline for schools to submit concerns or adjustments desired in initial draft. The submission process will be clearly defined and may include an on line component. An NCHSAA staff person will be designated to coordinate submissions from the schools.
 - Any requests, concerns, or suggestions must be submitted in the appropriate designated fashion. This includes suggestions for conference affiliations or agreements among schools that have agreed to be in a conference together, etc.
- **January 21, 2016**—Realignment Committee meets to review submissions from schools and make adjustments. Second draft is distributed to schools for review
- **February 8-12, 2016**—Realignment meetings are held, one in the East and one in the West. Schools will have opportunity to address the second draft:
 - Eastern meeting **February 8, 2016** @ Murphy Center, ECU, in Greenville, NC
 - Western meeting **February 10, 2016** @ Citizens Center in Lincolnton, NC
- **March 1, 2016**—Deadline for schools to respond in writing by the defined submission process with concerns or suggestions to second draft. ***A school can appeal only if it has been changed or affected by changes from the initial draft***
- **March 16, 2016**—Realignment Committee meets and may make further adjustments to conferences. Committee issues third draft
- **April 1, 2016**—Deadline for final appeals to Realignment Committee. Must be received in writing at NCHSAA by this date. ***These would be designed for schools whose conference membership has been altered in some way from previous drafts***
- **April 13, 2016**—Final appeals to Realignment Committee. Realignment report then submitted to the Board of Directors
- **May 3-4, 2016**—NCHSAA Board of Directors' Meeting; Board may consider appeals based on procedural errors and then finalizes alignment
- **August 1, 2017**—New alignment begins