Submission #16

Submission information

Form: 2017-2021 Alignment Adjustment Request
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School Name West Montgomery High School

Principal's name Benjie Brown

Superintendent's name Dale Ellis

Current Classification 1A

Current Conference 1A Yadkin Valley 1A

Proposed Classification 2A

Proposed Conference, if different 2A Rocky River 2A

Conference Approved? Yes

Request

Please state your request
Montgomery Central High School is on schedule to open for the 2020-2021 school year. Montgomery County Schools would like to see their athletic programs merge before the new high school is complete. With participation numbers dwindling across the board, and some programs close to becoming extinct due to a lack of interest, the school board as well as administrators, coaches and athletic directors within the district believe the time is right to make the transition.

East Montgomery High School currently has the smallest ADM in the Rocky River 2A Conference at 593. West Montgomery has an ADM of 512 in the Yadkin Valley 1A Conference. With a combined ADM of 1105, Montgomery County Schools would like to consolidate both high school athletic programs and join the Rocky River 2A Conference.

Criteria
Closing of school(s)/or merger of schools (must have already occurred or must show school board authorization for the 2019-2020 school year

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Remember: all information that supports, defines and/or explains the request must be submitted with this form. Up to 3 files can be uploaded and attached to this request.

Document 1 Declaration of Intent for Realignment-MCHS.pdf

Document 2 Conference Declaration for West Montgomery to join the Rocky River 2A with East Montgomery.pdf

Document 3 Rocky River 2A Conference Approval.pdf

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DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR REALIGNMENT

November 5, 2018

NCHSSA
Commissioner Que Tucker
222 Finley Golf Course Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Dear Commissioner Tucker,

Montgomery Central High School is on schedule to open for the 2020-2021 school year. Montgomery County Schools would like to see their athletic programs merge before the new high school is complete. With participation numbers dwindling across the board, and some programs close to becoming extinct due to a lack of interest, the school board as well as administrators, coaches and athletic directors within the district believe the time is right to make the transition.

East Montgomery High School currently has the smallest ADM in the Rocky River 2A Conference at 593. West Montgomery has an ADM of 512 in the Yadkin Valley 1A Conference. With a combined ADM of 1105, Montgomery County Schools would like to consolidate both high school athletic programs and join the Rocky River 2A Conference. Rocky River 2A Co-secretaries Chris Shinn and Jay Neissner submitted a letter of support for the consolidated Montgomery Central High School to remain in the Rocky River 2A Conference.

The decision to join the Rocky River 2A Conference for the 2019-2020 and 2021 school years seem logical since both teams are struggling with participation and the lack of a junior varsity football team, for the first time in each school's 56-year history, solidified the need to move forward now.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request. Please contact me by email or phone if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dale Ellis, Ed.D
Superintendent
Montgomery County Schools
Troy, NC 27371
W) 910-576-6511
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CONFERENCE DECLARATION OF INTENT TO MERGE WITH EAST MONTGOMERY IN THE ROCKY RIVER 2A

NCHSAA REALIGNMENT FOR 2017-2021

NAME OF SCHOOL **West Montgomery High School**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: 1A **CURRENT CONFERENCE: YADIN VALLEY 1A**

Check the one that applies to your school and its participation in the NCHSAA realignment process for the years 2017-2021:

_X_ As an NCHSAA member school, we wish to merge with East Montgomery High School in the Rocky River 2A Conference in the upcoming realignment.

_____ As an NCHSAA member school, we wish to be classified in the upcoming realignment (1-A, 2-A, 3-A or 4-A) BUT DO NOT desire placement in a conference. We will participate as an independent without conference affiliation.

Benjie Brown
principal's name: PLEASE PRINT

principal's signature **date:** 11/5/18

Stefanie Panzer
athletic director's name: PLEASE PRINT

athletic director's signature **date:** 11/5/18

Additional special information about your school:

There are a number of factors that now must be considered when looking at ADM figures to ensure that they are appropriate for classification purposes. ***Please list below any of the following that might pertain to your school; if needed, attach accompanying information on school letterhead to this form:***

--if there are early college or middle college students that would be assigned to your school, but go to those schools that have no athletic program; their numbers should be included with yours since they can be eligible to participate at your school; *please identify those situations and be specific*

-- If you have separate schools (based on Gates money, for instance) that all play together for the purposes of athletics, such as Big City High School, School of Technology, Big City High School, School of the Arts; etc. They may have separate school numbers but still field one athletic team; *please identify those situations and be specific*

--if your school has not opened yet but will be included in realignment, we need the projected ADM as well as the impact it may have on existing schools

--if there are special programs housed at your school which should not count toward your ADM but those students will be in your numbers; *please identify those situations and be specific*

--if none of these apply, please write NA in the box below

Montgomery Central High School is on schedule to open for the 2020-2021 school year. Montgomery County Schools would like to see their athletic programs merge before the new high school is complete. West Montgomery would like to join East Montgomery in the Rocky River 2A Conference for school years 2019-2020 – 2020-2021.

INTENT FORM MUST BE RECEIVED IN NCHSAA OFFICES BY NOVEMBER 5, 2018; email QUE TUCKER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTH CAROLIAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Rocky River Conference
700 Walker Road
Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124

Chris Shinn, Mt. Pleasant, Secretary
Jay Niessner, CATA, Secretary

November 1, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

On October 9th, 2018, the Rocky River Conference voted 6-0 in favor of asking the NCHSAA to leave the new consolidated Montgomery County High School in the Rocky River Conference. The school is scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year, this would allow the conference to stay at its current membership of six schools.

On October 31st, 2018 the Rocky River Conference was contacted/notified by Montgomery County Public Schools about the possibility of the county merging its athletic programs (East & West Montgomery) for the 2019-2020 school year. The Rocky River Conference voted 5-0 (East Montgomery abstaining from the vote) in favor of the plan for the consolidated athletic program to continue to be a member of the conference, and keep our membership at six schools until the 2021 realignment, if approved by the NCHSAA.

If you have any questions or need anything else from the Rocky River Conference please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Chris Shinn

Chris Shinn
Athletic Director
Mount Pleasant High School
Rocky River Conference Co-Secretary

Jay Niessner
Athletic Director
Central Academy of Technology & Arts
Rocky River Conference Co-Secretary