

2021-2025 NCHSAA Realignment Process FAQ

1. What are the factors that will be included in the realignment process?

- a. Average Daily Membership (ADM)
 - i. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this data was taken from 2019-2020 school year
- b. State Cup Points (3-Year Average)
 - i. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- c. Identified Student Percentage (ISP) (3-Year Average)
 - i. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

2. What is the “State Cup”?

- a. The State Cup is a yearly NCHSAA award that recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications, primarily based on performance in postseason play.

3. What does Identified Student Percentage mean? What is it?

- a. This number is representative of the number of students in each school who are on some form of government assistance per USDA guidelines.

4. Where does the ISP come from?

- a. This number is submitted by each school to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction which confirms the data prior to sharing with the federal government.
 - i. If a school does not submit that information to DPI, it will be requested of the oversight group/administration for that school.

5. What will be done once you have each set of data?

- a. An ADM score, State Cup score, and ISP score will be determined and added together to create a Realignment Score

6. What is the rationale for including an East/West division line?

- a. There are a several reasons for the use of the East/West line:
 - i. The line divides the regions---East or West--in which a member school will participate for playoff purposes and may reduce travel during the playoffs
 - ii. The line will maintain LEA boundaries, while dividing the state into East and West regions which should be relatively balanced.
 - iii. Schools in east region will be ordered from the largest Realignment Score to the lowest Realignment Score to determine each classification. This means that a school’s classification is determined relative only to the other schools in their region instead of across the state.

7. Will we use the 20/30/30/20 Model again? If no, what percentage model will be used for the four (4) classifications?

- a. No. For the 2021-2025 realignment period, each of the 4 classifications will reflect 25% of the total number of schools—in the east and in the west—requesting conference membership at the time of the 2020 (Winter) Board of Directors meeting.

8. How will conferences be created initially?

- a. Once member schools have been divided into 4 separate classifications within their region (East and West), the NCHSAA staff will create the initial conference draft, with geography and classification as the guiding factors. The realignment committee will review the initial draft prior to it being sent to the membership.