

POLICY COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Tod Morgan (Chair), Brian Carver (Vice Chair), Andy McCormick, Henry Rice, John Williams, Burt Jenkins

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AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
1. Specialty Schools' Average Daily Membership for Classification Attachment P1	<p>When calculating a high school's ADM for classification purposes, high schools that feed into innovative high schools, such as early colleges and other academies will have only those students who participate in athletics included in the sending high school's ADM. It is further suggested that a three-year rolling average of the number of athletes from the sending school be the number added back to the sending school's ADM for classification purposes.</p>	<p>Rationale: The negative competitive impact that innovative high schools may have across the state as their student enrollment is included in the sending school's ADM, possibly moving the high school into a higher classification level. Some PSUs do not allow students who attend innovative high schools to participate in athletics, this is not the approach that most of us would desire. As we strongly support athletics, for many reasons, students should be encouraged to participate in athletics as a part of their high school experience. This action would encourage that.</p> <p>Budget Impact: Membership Dues. Educational Impact: N/A Equity Impact: N/A Effective Date: 2025-26 Academic Year</p>
2. Penalty Code	<p>To review penalties in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety • Coach Suspension 	***Discussion Only***
3. Sportsmanship	To review and discuss the NCHSAA Handbook 2.5 and 3.3.6.	***Discussion Only***

AGENDA ITEM**4. Impacts of Bylaw VI and Senate Bill 452/SL 2023-133**

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Review and discuss the impacts of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bylaw VI• Senate Bill 452/SL 2023-133	***Discussion Only***



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I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and the following superintendents: Dr. Travis Reeves, Mr. Mark Byrd, Dr. Matt Stover, Dr. Mike Swan, Dr. Eisa Cox, Dr. Aron Gabriel, Dr. Todd Martin, Dr. Jennifer Hefner, Dr. Jennifer Griffin, and Mrs. Missey Weaver from northwestern NC. This letter is written and presented to officially request the NCHSAA Board's consideration of the following:

When calculating a high school's ADM for classification purposes, high schools that feed into innovative high schools, such as early colleges and other academies will have only those students who participate in athletics included in the sending high school's ADM. It is further suggested that a three-year rolling average of the number of athletes from the sending school be the number added back to the sending school's ADM for classification purposes.

The rationale for this request is the negative competitive impact that innovative high schools may have across the state as their student enrollment is included in the sending school's ADM, possibly moving the high school into a higher classification level. Some PSUs do not allow students who attend innovative high schools to participate in athletics, this is not the approach that most of us would desire. As we strongly support athletics, for many reasons, students should be encouraged to participate in athletics as a part of their high school experience. This action would encourage that.

It has been suggested that innovative schools can field their own teams and compete. While this is possible, in many cases, PSUs cannot afford to field teams from innovative high schools. Allowing students to participate with their "home" school better ensures more effective and efficient operations. This allows the benefits and eliminates the challenges created otherwise.

As public education is transformed over the years to come, we should do everything within our control to ensure the integrity of athletic participation and to make participation possible for our students. This change would promote more competition equity among teams, throughout conferences, and across the state.

This proposal has been shared with the Northwest RESA and the superintendents listed at the opening of this letter have verbally offered their support of this letter and the request being made.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Don Phipps
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