

**SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**  
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The AAAAA Classification Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League met on January 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina. The following members were present: Jason Johns, Reggie Choplin, Tommy Bell, Dr. Bryan Skipper, Flynn Harrell, Rod Ruth, Bill Warren, Perry Woolbright, Curtis Johnson, and Chris Buchholz.

Jason Johns called the meeting to order.

**Appeal:**

**Ridge View High School** (Brend Mack-Foxworth, Principal; Keith Price, Assistant Superintendent Richland Two; Brandon Ross, Assistant Principal; Brian Rosefield, Athletic Director)

Ridge View High School requested an open session for the change classification and region appeal.

Brian Rosefield presented the case for appeal for Ridge View High School which requested a change from Class AAAAA – Region 4 to Class AAAA Region 4. Mr. Rosefield stated that they believed the method in which the 45-Day ADM was not equitable due to variances in the way the data is reported by the schools. Ridge View found that the number they reported to the State Department (#1292) is not the number reflected on the State Department's website (#1285).

They also believe variances occur in the method of coding schools use to report data and that some schools were able to code 4th-year students as 12th graders regardless of how many credits they have earned. Richland School District Two does not do this. In Richland Two, students who have otherwise met the requirements for promotion to grade 12, but need to make up a single credit, are flagged as retained until they make up that course. At that point, they are immediately promoted and are eligible to graduate the same year. They refer to those students as "Super Juniors". This is the case for 4<sup>th</sup>-year students that are still classified for 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade based on their earned credits.

Mr. Rosefield stated that he sent a survey to all schools of which 94 completed the survey. Thirteen of the responding schools stated that 4th-year students would show as 12th grade regardless of where they were academically. Based on this method, Ridge View High School has 39 students that are 4<sup>th</sup>-year students but do not have enough earned credits to be considered 12<sup>th</sup> graders. They believe a more accurate 45-Day ADM number for Ridge View would be 1,246 putting them below Myrtle Beach High School in Class AAAA.

They submitted five proposals for region placement in Class AAAA with Region 4 having the least impact on realignment and other schools.

Mr. Rosefield was asked if he had support from other schools in Class AAAA-Region 4. He provided two letters of support.


Discussion was held regarding how schools code data sent to the State Department. Dr. Skipper stated that he had concern regarding schools using a different method because schools would be violating state policy by doing so. Ms. Mack—Foxworth stated that she didn't believe they were doing anything intentionally wrong as the State Department collects data for grades 9-12 not just 9-11 as needed for the 45-ADM.

The consensus of the committee was that while the membership may want to look at changing the process of data collection in the future, it would be impossible to verify the accuracy numbers reported to the State Department and that doing so would be outside of the responsibilities of the SC High School League.

A motion made by Dr. Skipper, seconded by Mr. Bell, to deny the request of appeal for change of classification and region placement passed 10-0 (10 members present).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

**Note: In all votes, the President only votes in the event of a deciding vote.**