



Petition to Play Down

Excerpt OSAA Handbook, Constitution, Article 6, Classification of Schools.

6.2.4. Classification of Schools – Classification Thresholds. During the four-year time block, the following Average Daily Membership (ADM) thresholds will be used by the Executive Board when considering school placement or classification changes:

6A: 1260 or more	4A: 350 to 664	2A: 90 to 205
5A: 665 to 1259	3A: 206 to 349	1A: 10 to 89

EXCEPTION. OSAA member schools shall participate based upon ADM in the classifications defined in this Article unless an exception has been granted by the Executive Board in response to the submission of a Petition to Play Down, a Petition to Play Up, or Placement in a Lower Classification.

(a) Petition to Play Down

- (1) Submission Deadline.** Except as specified in Article 6.2.2 (c), a member school seeking to play in a lower classification than assigned under Article 6.2.4 shall be required to complete and submit a “Petition to Play Down” to the OSAA prior to June 1 preceding the quadrennial October Classification and Districting Meeting.
- (2) Sports and Activities Affected.** Any “Petition to Play Down” granted by the Executive Board shall apply to all OSAA sports and activities in which the member school participates.
- (3) Duration.** Any “Petition to Play Down” granted by the Executive Board shall apply to the classification placement of the petitioning member school during the entire subsequent four-year time block.
- (4) Required Information.** A member school submitting a “Petition to Play Down” shall provide the following information for consideration by the Executive Board. Petitioning schools that meet all four criteria listed below shall be automatically approved. Schools meeting some but not all criteria will have their petition reviewed by the Executive Board:
 - a) Documentation showing the school’s percentage of students on free and reduced lunch at 50% or higher.
 - b) Documentation showing that the school’s teams finished in the bottom 50% of the final frozen rankings at their current classification at least 75% of the time for the previous three years.
 - c) Documentation showing that the school’s teams finished in the bottom 20% of the final frozen rankings at their current classification at least 50% of the time for the previous three years.
 - d) Documentation showing that the winning percentage for the school’s teams in team sports was 25% or less at least 40% of the time for the previous three years.
- (5) Additional Information.** A member school submitting a “Petition to Play Down” may provide any other information to the Executive Board in support of the petition including, but not limited to, evidence of intervention undertaken by the district in an effort to encourage address lack of competitive success and a letter of current league support for the “Petition to Play Down.”

See OSAA Handbook, [Constitution, “Article 6, Classification of Schools”](#) for additional information.

School: _____

Current Classification and District: _____ Desired Classification and District: _____

Administrator’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please submit this form with all other required materials to the OSAA Office.