

Idaho High School Activities Association
"SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE" INITIATIVE
Academics - Athletics - Activities - Citizenship
PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Idaho High School Activities Association is pleased to continue the "Schools of Excellence" Initiative, whereby schools earn points based on their varsity teams' achievements in the classroom, at the competitive venue, and in the area of citizenship/sportsmanship. Participation is voluntary, and the school in each classification with the best overall program is honored with a special award at the end of the year. The three major areas of high school activities - academics, athletics/activities, and sportsmanship/citizenship - are weighted equally.

Academic Component

Points are compiled by the IHSAA, based on cumulative team GPAs as submitted on the *Academic State Champions Application* or *Academic Report – Non Athletic Activities Form* by the due date for each season. 100 pts. maximum value per sport/activity program:

1. highest GPA in classification	100
2. second highest GPA in classification	95
4. team GPA 3.50 – 4.00	90
5. team GPA 3.00 – 3.49	85
6. team GPA 2.50 – 2.99	80
7. team GPA under 2.50	75

Athletics/Activities Component

Points are compiled by the IHSAA, based on place of finish at sixteen IHSAA-sponsored state championship events as well as state speech arts events, state cheer and dance events, state music competition, and state baseball. 100 pts. Maximum value per tournament:

1. State championship - 1 st place team	100
2. State championship - 2 nd place team	95
3. State championship - 3 rd place team	90
4. State championship - 4 th place team	85
5. Qualifying for state tournament (team sports)	75
6. Places 5 through 8 (individual sports)	75

Citizenship Component

Schools monitor their sportsmanship/citizenship activities throughout the year and submit the enclosed *School Self-Assessment Form* to the IHSAA in May. Points are based on self-evaluation of seven separate areas. Deductions are made by the IHSAA for all player and/or coach unsportsmanlike ejections during the year and also for unsportsmanlike school behavior at state championship events.

Citizenship Component Values: One-third of overall score (point values TBD)

A **Citizenship Through Sports Manual** accompanies the *School Self-Assessment Form*. It is provided as a resource for schools in establishing and administering citizenship/sportsmanship programs, and also to assist administrators in meeting citizenship/sportsmanship goals as outlined in the *School Self-Assessment Form*.