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2023-2024 Buckle Up Phone Down Cup Final Standings

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) are pleased to announce the final standings for the Buckle Up Phone Down Cup, the All-Activities Award for Nebraska high schools. The annual awards program began in the fall of 2006 to recognize the state’s most successful high school athletic and fine arts programs. Awards are presented to the 12 Nebraska high schools that earn the most points during the school year by participating in NSAA education-based activity programs. This all-activities (fine arts and sports), all-school recognition platform recognizes the “Best of the Best” each year in NSAA programs.

The Buckle Up Phone Down Cup is presented to the winning schools in the four classes of the All-School Division, Girls Division, and Boys Division during special ceremonies the following fall.

2023-2024 Buckle Up Phone Down Cup Winners

| | All-School Division | Girls Division | Boys Division |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Class A | Lincoln East | Lincoln East | Creighton Preparatory |
| Class B | Elkhorn North | Elkhorn North | Omaha Skutt Catholic |
| Class C | Grand Island Central Catholic | Grand Island Central Catholic | Malcolm |
| Class D | Plainview | Southern Valley | Plainview |

Buckle Up Phone Down Cup Details & Point System

Each year the NSAA and the NDOT recognize the most successful activities programs in the state with the Buckle Up Phone Down Cup. Winners are determined by a point system based on participation in NSAA education-based activities and performance in State Championship events within each division and class. Music, which does not have a State Championship event, earns points based on participation at the District Music Contests.

The Boys and Girls competition in each class features schools earning participation and performance points from their respective activities. In the All-School Division, schools receive participation points for each of their NSAA registered programs and earn additional points for placing in NSAA Championship events.

All schools which finish in the top eight positions (plus any ties) in a State Championship event receive points. In activities’ Championships involving cooperative agreements, each of the schools in the cooperative will earn the points for that respective event providing they have at least one student participating on the cooperative varsity team.

In Playoff events involving teams in a split classification, the same top eight positions in that event’s class (ex. D1 and D2) will earn full points for their class competition. If there are fewer than eight schools from a classification in the event, only those schools represented are eligible to receive points.

Championship performance points are awarded for all-activities Championship events as follows:

- First place – 50 points
- Second place - 45 points
- Third place - 40 points
- Fourth place - 35 points
- Fifth place – 30 points
- Sixth place – 25 points
- Seventh place – 20 points
- Eighth place – 15 points

If a tie for place exists, points will be split evenly between all teams tied for a specific place. For example, the non-advancing quarterfinals teams in an eight-team, single elimination Championship bracket will split the 5th through 8th place points. ($30 + 25 + 20 + 15 = 90 \div 4 = 22.5$ pts each)

In wrestling, Buckle Up Phone Down Cup points will be awarded based on a school's highest finish at either the Individual Wrestling Championship or the Dual Wrestling Championships. For example: If a school places 4th at the Individual Championships and places 3rd at the Dual Championships, that school would receive the 40 points earned for the 3rd place finish at the Dual Championships, instead of receiving points for both Championship events.

In District Music Contests, each school will earn five total points for entering at least two instrumental entries; and five total points for entering at least two vocal entries. In activities' Championships involving cooperative agreements, each of the schools in the cooperative will earn the points for that respective event providing they have at least one student participating on the cooperative varsity team.

If a team is forced to relinquish its honors in a State competition as a result of an infraction (such as the use of ineligible players) it will be ineligible for any points in that activity for that year. If the penalty for infraction is assessed after a school has received the award and the loss of points for that activity results in a drop in standings for the Buckle Up Phone Down Cup, the Cup must be relinquished to the eligible school which received the next highest point total in the final standings.

For more information about the Buckle Up Phone Down Cup and the 2023-2024 standings, please [click here](#).