

CLASS 4A SUCCESS MODEL SCHEDULE

- The new success model used for Class 4A was designed with the intent of adding competitive games to regular season scheduling of the large-school class. It measures a program's last four years of football through: a) Ratings Percentage Index; b) Playoff Success.
- The results of that model are available [HERE](#).
- The model used ranking within the RPI and ranking of "points" in playoff success (5 for championship, 4 for runner-up, 3 for semifinal appearance, 2 for quarterfinal appearance, and 1 for playoff appearance).
- Teams are tiered by their ranking within the model. **Tier 1** is teams ranked #1-7, **Tier 2** is teams ranked #8-13, **Tier 3** is teams ranked #14-20, **Tier 4** is teams ranked #21-27, **Tier 5** is teams ranked #28-34, and **Tier 6** is teams ranked #35-40.
- Every group contains a team from within each tier. Group schedules are designed for teams to play similarly tiered teams. Unlike district play, group play is not round robin. Group contests are as follows...
- **Tier 1:** Plays Tiers 2, 3, and 4.
- **Tier 2:** Plays 1, 3, and 5.
- **Tier 3:** Plays 1, 2, and 6.
- **Tier 4:** Plays 1, 5, and 6.
- **Tier 5:** Plays 2, 4, and 6.
- **Tier 6:** Plays 3, 4, and 5.
- In addition to group games arranged by tiers, Class 4A teams will play two "assigned games" against teams from similar tiers of other groups. Teams from Tiers 1 and 2 are together, Tiers 3 and 4 are together, and Tiers 5 and 6 are together.
- Two groups have five teams instead of six with the model omitting one Tier 2 and one Tier 6 team. Assigned games due to the schedule gap have been added from approved tiers.
- The five total group and assigned games may not be scheduled consecutively as they are in district play.
- In the group format, there are no district champions or group champions. All 16 playoff qualifying spots will be considered at-large through RPI.
- Through BEDS numbers, one school has been added to 40-team field in Class 4A: Iowa City, Liberty.

- Iowa City, Liberty was a playoff qualifier in Class 3A and joins Tier 3.
- Waukee Northwest will begin 4A varsity play in 2021.