

Beaufort to Remain Class A, Morehead AA

The reclassification system that will be instituted with the start of the 1959-60 year by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association will have no effect on the classification of either Beaufort or Morehead City high schools, according to the principals.

The new classification system calls for four, instead of the present three, classes of high schools ranging in enrollment of less than 150 to more than 601. The smallest schools with enrollments under 150 would be classed as A schools.

The next division would be Class AA which would include schools whose enrollment is between 151 and 300. Then would come Class AAA which would be made up of schools with an enrollment of 301-600. All schools with more than 600 students would be grouped under Class AAAA.

In setting up the classifications the North Carolina High School Association said that only the 10th, 11th and 12th grades would be used in determining the enrollment figure.

It also announced that a school may have a grace period of one year before being required to move into a new classification. Also, any school which has as many as 65 per cent of its enrollment transported by state school buses may, if it chooses, play in one class lower than that which its enrollment would normally place it.

This year Beaufort has competed as a Class A school and Bruce Tarkington, principal, says next year's enrollment will not be sufficient to move them up to Class AA.

Morehead City, which is presently classed as a AA school, will remain the same for next year.