



Non-Aligned Football 2026-2028

TAPPS member schools may choose to play for district honors (aligned) or not play for district honors (non-aligned). The non-aligned schools remain subject to all TAPPS governance for the activity including eligibility, student / coach participation and season limitations. The non-aligned schools may determine a schedule which best fits their particular needs, but must end play on or before the Saturday of Week 9 as shown on the TAPPS website.

For the coming 2026-28 alignment cycle, the following opportunities have been recommended by the TAPPS staff along with the Athletic Executive Committee and approved by the Executive Board.

Season

- Week 0 First Games
- Week 9 Final Games
- Week 10 "Bowl Games"

Season Honors

- "All district" honors serve to reward those students participating in the activity (football) even though their school chose a non-aligned path for competition.
- The selection of an "all district" team allows for honors for the students who participate in the season. The actual student participation numbers shall determine the number of teams whether first team, second team and honorable mention teams.

Post Season Opportunity

- The 50% rule for post season is in effect for the 2026-28 alignment
- A “bowl game” for the top four finishing teams based on wildcard points
 - Games to be played week 10
 - Wildcard points determine matchups
 - 1 vs 2
 - 3 vs 4
- Game to be hosted by the higher seeded team
- TAPPS to provide
 - Banner to the winners
 - Medals to the winners
- This is not a playoff bracket over multiple weeks, but something for the teams to aspire to during the season