SCC in the State Football Playoffs

Teams from the Southern Connecticut Conference have traditionally excelled in state playoff competition. Since the league was formed in 1994, SCC team have won 37 state football championships.

• Seventeen (of the current 19) different teams have qualified for the state playoffs since 1994. Guilford became the 17th team to earn a state playoff berth in 2025. Daniel Hand also has the most playoff appearances (13). The longest playoff streak is held by Shelton (5 straight years - 2014-2018). Cheshire (1994-97) and Daniel Hand (2010-13) each had four-year playoff streaks.

• Ten different teams have won a state title since 1994, led by Daniel Hand's 10 championships (1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2023 and 2025). Cheshire, Hillhouse and Xavier have each won five titles.

• Since 2005, the SCC has won two or more state championships eight times (2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2022, 2023 and 2025), including a state-record three (Class LL, L and M - there were 4 total divisions) in 2012.

• There have been three All-SCC matchups in state football finals -- Cheshire defeated Hamden, 16-14, in the 1996 Class LL final; Daniel Hand bested Hillhouse, 35-0, in the 2005 Class M championship game; and Xavier defeated Shelton, 28-27, in overtime in the 2014 Class LL Small title game.

SCHOOL	QF	SF	Champ Gm	Total	State Titles Won
Daniel Hand	9-2	12-2	10-2	31-6	1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2023, 2025
Cheshire	2-2	6-1	5-2	13-5	1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2009
Xavier	3-0	5-2	5-0	13-2	2005, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
Hillhouse	3-0	6-1	5-1	14-2	2002, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2016
Shelton	4-3	5-4	3-2	12-9	1995, 2000, 2003
Notre Dame	4-1	4-3	3-1	11-5	2001, 2009, 2022
North Haven	4-4	3-3	2-1	9-8	2022, 2023
Sheehan	5-1	4-2	2-1	11-4	2019, 2025
Branford	1-1	2-2	1-1	4-4	2005
West Haven	4-5	4-6	1-3	9-14	2003
Fairfield Prep	6-2	3-5	0-3	9-10	
Jonathan Law	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-4	
Hamden	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-5	
Lyman Hall	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	
Amity Regional	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	
Foran	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	
Guilford	0-1			0-1	
TOTALS	**46-30**	**55-36**	**37-18**	**138-84, .622**	

SCHOOL	State Playoff Appearances
Daniel Hand (19)	2025 (SS), 2025 (SS), 2024 (M), 2023 (M), 2021 (L), 2019 (L), 2018 (L), 2017 (L), 2013 (L), 2012 (L), 2011 (L), 2010 (L), 2007 (L), 2005 (M), 2004 (M), 2003 (M), 2001 (M), 1997 (L), 1994 (M)
West Haven (15)	2024 (LL), 2023 (LL), 2022 (LL), 2017 (LL), 2016 (LL), 2015 (LL), 2013 (LL), 2012 (LL), 2010 (LL), 2006 (LL), 2005 (LL), 2003 (LL), 2002 (LL), 2001 (L), 1997 (LL)
Shelton (13)	2023 (L), 2022 (L), 2021 (LL), 2018 (LL), 2017 (LL), 2016 (LL), 2015 (LL), 2014 (LL), 2007 (LL), 2006 (LL), 2003 (L), 2000 (LL), 1995 (LL)
Cheshire (11)	2026 (L), 2025 (L), 2023 (MM), 2022 (L), 2019 (LL), 2009 (LL), 2008 (LL), 1997 (LL), 1996 (LL), 1995 (L), 1994 (L)
Fairfield Prep (11)	2026 (LL), 2025 (LL), 2024 (LL), 2023 (LL), 2022 (LL), 2021 (LL), 2018 (LL), 2017 (LL), 2013 (LL), 2006 (LL), 1999 (LL)
North Haven (10)	2023 (MM), 2022 (MM), 2018 (L), 2017 (L), 2015 (L), 2014 (L), 2013 (L), 2011 (L), 2010 (L), 2007 (L)
Notre Dame (8)	2024 (L), 2022 (M), 2016 (L), 2015 (L), 2014 (L), 2011 (L), 2009 (L), 2001 (L)
Xavier (7)	2014 (LL), 2012 (LL), 2011 (LL), 2010 (LL), 2009 (LL), 2005 (LL), 2000 (LL)
Hillhouse (7)	2016 (M), 2012 (M), 2010 (M), 2008 (MM), 2006 (M), 2005 (M), 2002 (SS)
Sheehan (7)	2025 (S), 2024 (SS), 2023 (SS), 2019 (S), 2018 (M), 2017 (M), 1995 (S)
Hamden (6)	2026 (LL), 2022 (LL), 2021 (LL), 2008 (LL), 1998 (LL), 1996 (LL)
Branford (5)	2026 (M), 2022 (M), 2021 (M), 2005 (MM), 2004 (MM)
Jonathan Law (5)	2026 (SS), 2025 (SS), 2024 (SS), 2022 (M), 2017 (M)
Amity Regional (3)	2024 (L), 2002 (L), 1997 (LL)
Lyman Hall (2)	2026 (M), 2010 (M)
Guilford (2)	2026 (M), 2025 (M)
Foran (1)	2022 (SS)

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2025 (2)

6 teams qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL, Cheshire-L; Guilford-M; Daniel Hand-SS; Jonathan Law-SS; Sheehan-S)

Quarterfinals – Dec. 3

Class LL Quarterfinals – #2 Fairfield Prep 31, #7 Danbury 17
Class L Quarterfinals – #3 Cheshire 32, #6 Fairfield Ludlowe 29
Class M Quarterfinals – #5 Brookfield 24, #4 Guilford 17
Class SS Quarterfinals – #2 Daniel Hand 43, #7 Waterford 19
Class SS Quarterfinals – #5 Ledyard 32, #4 Jonathan Law 29
Class S Quarterfinals – #5 Sheehan 42, #4 North Branford 0

Semifinals - Dec. 8

Class LL – #3 Greenwich 31, #2 Fairfield Prep 10
Class L – #3 Cheshire 21, #7 Ridgefield 0
Class SS – #2 Daniel Hand 42, #3 Nonnewaug co-op 0
Class S – #5 Sheehan 41, #1 Woodland 20

State Championship – Dec. 13

Class SS: #2 Daniel Hand 37, #1 Killingly 13
Class S: #5 Sheehan 21, #6 Northwest Catholic 7
Class L: #1 New Canaan 31, #3 Cheshire 13

2024 (0)

7 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Fairfield Prep-LL, Amity Regional-L; Notre Dame-L; Daniel Hand-M, Jonathan Law-SS; Sheehan-SS)

Quarterfinals – Dec. 3

Class LL: #1 Fairfield Prep 51, #8 Kennedy 8
Class LL: #5 West Haven 6, #4 Glastonbury 0
Class L: #8 Notre Dame 15, at #1 Naugatuck 7
Class L: #3 Newtown 38, #6 Amity Regional 7
Class M: #1 Daniel Hand 45, #8 New London 6
Class M: #2 Brookfield 48, #7 Jonathan Law 13
Class SS: #3 Sheehan 20, #6 Granby/Canton co-op 6

Semifinals – Dec. 8

Class LL: #5 West Haven 42, #1 Fairfield Prep 7
Class L: #4 Darien 35, #8 Notre Dame 21
Class M: #4 St. Joseph 17, at #1 Daniel Hand 10
Class SS: #3 Sheehan 49, at #2 Windham 13

Championship Games – Dec. 13-14

Class SS: #1 Killingly 48, #3 Sheehan 33
Class LL: #3 Greenwich 14, #5 West Haven 0

2023 (2)

7 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Fairfield Prep-LL, Shelton-L, Cheshire-MM, North Haven-MM, Daniel Hand-M, Sheehan-SS)

Class LL Quarterfinals: West Haven 28, New Britain 14
Class LL Quarterfinals: Staples 13, Fairfield Prep 12
Class LL Semifinals: West Haven 26, Greenwich 13
Class LL Championship: Staples 21, West Haven 20
Class L Quarterfinals: Newtown 29, Shelton 28
Class MM Quarterfinals: North Haven 41, Fitch 22
Class MM Quarterfinals: Masuk 42, Cheshire 21
Class MM Semifinals: North Haven 21, Windsor 0
Class MM Championship: North Haven 21, Wilton 0
Class M Quarterfinals: Daniel Hand 29, St. Joseph 14
Class M Semifinals: Daniel Hand 48, ATI co-op 0
Class M Championship: Daniel Hand 57, Rockville 20
Class SS Quarterfinals: Sheehan 33, Windham 0



North Haven won the Class MM State Title in 2022 - defeating Killingly, 51-34 (Bill O'Brien photo).

Class SS Semifinals: Joel Barlow 17, Sheehan 16

2022 (2)

10 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Fairfield Prep-LL, Hamden-LL, Shelton-L, Cheshire-L, North Haven-MM, Notre Dame-M, Jonathan Law-M, Branford-M, Foran-S)

Class LL Quarterfinals: Glastonbury 17, at West Haven 7
Class LL Quarterfinals: Fairfield Prep 23, at Staples 22
Class LL Quarterfinals: at Greenwich 47, Hamden 7
Class LL Semifinals: at Fairfield Prep 42, Trumbull 19
Class LL Championship Game: Greenwich 37, Fairfield Prep 17
Class L Quarterfinals: Shelton 21, at Newtown 20
Class L Quarterfinals: Cheshire 24, at St. Joseph 14
Class L Semifinals: at Maloney 28, Shelton 14
Class L Semifinals: at New Canaan 23, Cheshire 13
Class MM Quarterfinals: North Haven 50, at Thames River co-op 0
Class MM Semifinals: at North Haven 14, Wilton 7
Class MM Championship Game: North Haven 51, Killingly 34
Class M Quarterfinals: at Notre Dame 42, Hartford Public 0
Class M Quarterfinals: at Jonathan Law 42, RHAM 13
Class M Quarterfinals: at Berlin 35, Branford 25
Class M Semifinals: at Notre Dame 28, Jonathan Law 14
Class M Championship Game: Notre Dame 35, Berlin 8
Class SS Quarterfinals: Valley Regional/Old Lyme co-op 26, at Foran 13

2021 (0)

5 teams qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL, Shelton-LL, Hamden-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Branford-M)

Class LL championship: Darien 42, Fairfield Prep 7
Class LL Semifinals: Fairfield Prep 24, Shelton 3
Class M Semifinals: Killingly 13, Branford 12
Class LL Quarterfinals: Fairfield Prep 21, Greenwich 14
Class LL Quarterfinals: Shelton 42, Hall 28
Class LL Quarterfinals: Darien 46, Hamden 19
Class L Quarterfinals: St. Joseph 21, Daniel Hand 20 (OT)
Class M Quarterfinals: Branford 7, Avon 6

2019 (1)

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3 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Sheehan-S)
Class S Championship -Sheehan 64, Bloomfield 33
Class L Championship - St. Joseph 17, Daniel Hand 13
Class L Semifinals - Daniel Hand 42, Maloney 0
Class S Semifinals - Sheehan 30, at Ansonia 22
Class LL Quarterfinals - at Simsbury 17, Cheshire 14
Class L Quarterfinals - at Daniel Hand 52, Newington 0
Class S Quarterfinals - at Sheehan 51, Woodland 0

2018 (1)

5 teams qualified (Shelton-LL,Fairfield Prep-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L, Sheehan-M)
Class L Championship: Daniel Hand 54, Maloney 14
Class LL Semifinals: New Canaan 38, Fairfield Prep 7
Class L Semifinals: Daniel Hand 49, Windsor 7
Class M Semifinals: Berlin 34, Sheehan 22
Class LL Quarterfinals: New Canaan 42, Shelton 34
Class LL Quarterfinals: Fairfield Prep 28, Southington 21
Class L Quarterfinals: Daniel Hand 56, Bunnell 0
Class L Quarterfinals: Windsor 34, North Haven 14
Class M Quarterfinals: Sheehan 43, Wolcott 20

2017 (1)

6 teams qualified (Shelton-LL,West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L, Sheehan-M, Jonathan Law-M)
Class L Championship: Daniel Hand 35, Masuk 21
Class L Semifinals: at Daniel Hand 31, Windsor 6
Class L Quarterfinals: #2 Daniel Hand 35, #7 North Haven 13
Class LL Semifinals: at Darien 27, West Haven 13
Class LL Quarterfinals: #7 West Haven 46, at #2 Shelton 7
Class LL Quarterfinals: at #1 Greenwich 27, Fairfield Prep 6
Class M Quarterfinals: #6 Joel Barlow 47, #3 Sheehan 34
Class M Quarterfinals: at #1 Killingly 57, #8 Jonathan Law 21

2016 (1)

4 teams qualified (Shelton-LL,West Haven-LL, Notre Dame-L, Hillhouse-M)
Class L Quarterfinals: #6 Notre Dame 44, #3 New London 7
Class M Quarterfinals: #2 Hillhouse 27, #7 New Fairfield 14
Class LL Quarterfinals: #6 Shelton 55, #3 Newtown 21
Class LL Quarterfinals: #7 Ridgefield 28, #2 West Haven 21
Class LL Semifinals: Ridgefield 44, Shelton 41
Class L Semifinals: at New Canaan 20, Notre Dame 17
Class M Semifinals: at Hillhouse 49, Killingly 28
Class M Finals: Hillhouse 42, St. Joseph 21

2015 (0)

4 teams qualified (Shelton-LL,West Haven-LL, Notre Dame-L, North Haven-L)
Class LL Quarterfinals - Shelton 40, West Haven 20
Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 35, Newtown 28
Class LL Championship - Darien 39, Shelton 7
Class L Quarterfinals - North Haven 48, Middletown 13
Class L Quarterfinals - Notre Dame 34, Harding 0
Class L Semifinals - North Haven 21, Wethersfield 14
Class L Semifinals - New Canaan 51, Notre Dame 27
Class L Championship - New Canaan 42, North Haven 35

2014 (1)

4 teams qualified (Xavier-LL Small, Shelton-LL Small, Notre Dame-L Small, North Haven-L Small)

Class LL Small Semifinals - Xavier 13, Newtown 7
Class LL Small Semifinals - Shelton 42, Hall 14
Class L Small Semifinals - Notre Dame 13, Middletown 10
Class L Small Semifinals - Windsor 22, North Haven 6
Class LL Small Championship - Xavier 28, Shelton 27 (OT)
Class L Small Championship - Windsor 38, Notre Dame 16

2013 (0)

4 teams qualified (Fairfeld Prep-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L)
Class LL Quarterfinals - Fairfield Prep 33, Glastonbury 23
Class LL Quarterfinals - West Haven 51, Hall 26
Class LL Semifinals - Fairfield Prep 29, West Haven 28
Class LL Finals - Southington 52, Fairfield Prep 34
Class L Quarterfinals - Darien 31, Daniel Hand 29
Class L Quarterfinals - North Haven 35, Platt 0
Class L Semifinals - New Canaan 17, North Haven 0

2012 (3) – State Record!

4 teams qualified (Xavier-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Hillhouse-M)
Class M Quarterfinals - Hillhouse 34, St. Joseph 14
Class L Quarterfinals - Hand 55, Platt 26
Class LL Quarterfinals - Staples 42, West Haven 20
Class LL Quarterfinals - Xavier 55, Greenwich 14
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 48, Montville 26
Class L Semifinals - Hand 42, Masuk 23
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 30, Glastonbury 13
Class M Finals - Hillhouse 34, Berlin 12
Class L Finals - Hand 23, Windsor 6
Class LL Finals - Xavier 48, Norwich Free Academy 14

2011 (2)

4 teams qualified (Xavier-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Notre Dame-L, North Haven-L)
Class L Quarterfinals - Windsor 14, Notre Dame 7
Class L Quarterfinals - Masuk 28, North Haven 14
Class L Quarterfinals - Hand 35, Coventry/Windham Tech 12
Class LL Quarterfinals - Xavier 34, Glastonbury 6
Class L Semifinals - Hand 35, Masuk 14
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 55, Norwalk 14
Class L Finals - Hand 34, New Canaan 10
Class LL Finals - Xavier 42, Staples 7

2010 (2)

6 teams qualified (Xavier-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L; Hillhouse-M, Lyman Hall-M)
Class M Quarterfinals - Hillhouse 33, Berlin 30
Class M Quarterfinals - Brookfield 50, Lyman Hall 21
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 42, Gilbert/NW Regional 14
Class M Finals - Hillhouse 7, New London 0
Class L Quarterfinals - Hand 19, North Haven 7
Class L Semifinals - New Canaan 39, Hand 21
Class LL Quarterfinals - Xavier 28, West Haven 7
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 24, Glastonbury 13
Class LL Finals - Xavier 24, Trumbull 13

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2009 (2)
3 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL, Xavier-LL, Notre Dame-L)
Class L Semifinals - Notre Dame 42, Conard 14
Class L Finals - Notre Dame 28, Pomperaug 21
Class LL Semifinals - Staples 31, Xavier 28
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 20, Glastonbury 6
Class LL Finals - Cheshire 28, Staples 21 (OT)

2008 (0)
4 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL, Hamden-LL, Hillhouse-MM)
Class MM Semifinals - Darien 35, Hillhouse 32
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 28, Hamden 21
Class LL Finals - Glastonbury 28, Cheshire 14

2007 (0)
3 teams qualified (Shelton-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L)
Class MM Semifinals - Hand 35, North Haven 7
Class MM Finals - New Canaan 34, Hand 30
Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 21, Southington 19
Class LL Finals - Greenwich 28, Shelton 14

2006 (1)
4 teams qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL; Shelton-LL; West Haven-L, Hillhouse-M)
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 40, St. Bernard's/Norwich Tech 0
Class M Finals - Hillhouse 28, Windham 6
Class LL Semifinals - Southington 36, Shelton 9
Class LL Semifinals - Greenwich 34, Fairfield Prep 0
Class L Semifinals - Staples 24, West Haven 7

2005 (3)
5 teams qualified (Xavier-LL; West Haven-L, Branford-MM; Hillhouse-M, Daniel Hand-M)
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 20, Trumbull 7
Class LL Semifinals- Southington 30, West Haven 24
Class LL Finals - Xavier 45, Southington 30
Class MM Semifinals - Branford 13, Coventry 12
Class MM Finals - Branford 14, East Lyme 7
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 13, Berlin 12
Class M Semifinals - Hand 35, Windham 14
Class M Finals - Hand 34, Hillhouse 0

2004 (1)
2 teams qualified (Branford-MM; Daniel Hand-M)
Class MM Semifinals - Branford 56, Platt-Meriden 14
Class MM Finals - Pomperaug 30, Branford 7
Class M Semifinals - Hand 41, Berlin 14
Class M Finals - Hand 35, Brookfield 6

2003 (2)
3 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Shelton-L; Daniel Hand-M)
Class LL Semifinals - West Haven 18, Danbury 13
Class L Semifinals - Shelton 35, East Catholic 14
Class M Semifinals - Hand 42, Pomperaug 15
Class L Finals - Shelton 35, Staples 18
Class M Finals - Hand 28, Ledyard 0
Class LL Finals - New Britain 13, West Haven 0

2002 (2)
3 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Amity Regional-L, Hillhouse-SS)
Class LL Semifinals - West Haven 47, NFA 26
Class LL Finals - West Haven 20, Greenwich 13
Class L Semifinals - Ridgefield 16, Amity Regional 15
Class SS Semifinals - Hillhouse 40, Stonington 13
Class SS Finals - Hillhouse 29, Montville 6

2001 (1)
2 teams qualified (West Haven-L, Notre Dame-L; Daniel Hand-M)
Class L Semifinals - New Britain 20, West Haven 15
Class L Semifinals - Notre Dame-WH 20, Pomperaug 16
Class L Finals - Notre Dame-WH 35, Fitch 15

2000 (1)
2 teams qualified (Shelton-LL; Xavier-LL)
Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 29, New Britain 27
Class LL Semifinals - Greenwich 24, Xavier 0
Class LL Finals - Shelton 22, Greenwich 8

1999 (0)
1 team qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL)
Class LL Semifinals - Greenwich 35, Fairfield Prep 14

1998 (0)
1 team qualified (Hamden-LL)
Class LL Semifinals - NFA 28, Hamden 21

1997 (2)
4 teams qualified (Amity Regional-LL; Cheshire-LL; West Haven-LL; Daniel Hand-L)
Class LL Semifinals - Trumbull 33, Amity Regional 14
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 25, West Haven 21
Class L Semifinals - Daniel Hand 31, Newtown 6
Class LL Finals - Cheshire 34, Trumbull 12
Class L Finals - Daniel Hand 14, Staples 7

1996 (1)
2 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL; Hamden-LL)
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 21, Greenwich 8
Class LL Semifinals - Hamden 34, Danbury 0
Class LL Finals - Cheshire 16, Hamden 14

1995 (2)
3 teams qualified (Shelton-LL; Cheshire-L; Sheehan-S)
Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 17, New Britain 7
Class LL Finals - Shelton 14, Trumbull 7
Class L Semifinals - Cheshire 35, Weaver 0
Class L Finals - Cheshire 28, Rockville 0
Class S Semifinals - Ansonia 16, Sheehan 6

1994 (1)
2 teams qualified (Cheshire-L; Daniel Hand-M)
Class L Finals - Cheshire 45, Simsbury 27
Class M Finals - Foran 28, Daniel Hand 24