

Withdraw from District Play	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
Jackson County				
Phelps				

Requests to Play in Higher Class

Play up to 2A	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
NONE	1			
Play up to 3A	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
Belfry	2			
Glasgow	2			
Hancock County	2	Hancock Co. High School would like to request to play into class 3a in football for 2023-2026 football seasons. Many of the teams that are in 3a are geographically close to our school district. Schools that we are currently playing are anticipating moving up in class as well. As a result there will now be a sparse 2a population of schools to be able to play in our area. Due to those transitions district play would become more costly in both travel and gate revenue if we were to stay in 2a. Based on the aforementioned concerns we respectfully request to move into Class 3a. We feel this move would be in the best interest of our student athletes as well as our school.		
McLean County	2			
West Carter	2			
Play up to 4A	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
Bardstown	3			
DeSales	3	There are several schools in the Jefferson County area that we matchup better with.		
Henry County	3	The schools that are closer to us geographically are 4 or 5A schools. The distance traveled to 3A schools becomes cost prohibitive. Being aligned with Schools from our surrounding counties of Shelby and Oldham makes more sense for us while also enhancing our gate and attendance. We believe this will also boost interest in growing participation within our football program.		
Thomas Nelson	3			
Play up to 5A	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
NONE	4			
Play up to 6A	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
Barren County	5			
Warren Central	5	Rather than playing in the potential 5A alignment, we would rather play up into 6A. HOWEVER, if the opportunity to move down to Class 4A occurs due to others playing up, we want to rescind the request to play up. Our preference is to play 4A if afforded to us by the reclassification of 3 other schools from 4A to 5A. If that opportunity does not exist, we would like play up to 6A. We do not want to play in 5A regardless of the results of the membership's survey results. Due to forecasted/potential 5A district in our area, we feel we would better suited to play in a classification other than 5A.		

Bottom 3 Decisions to Remain or Drop with Opportunity	O-CL	Response Note	Pos	
Bracken County	2A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	1	No change, No school opted to higher class
Betsy Layne	2A	No response, remain in drafted class	2	No change, No school opted to higher class
Fort Knox	2A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	3	No change, No school opted to higher class
Edmonson County	3A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	1	Moved in 2nd Draft to reset line
Christian Academy-Louisville	3A	To remain in the original drafted class	2	No Change. Remain in Drafted Class
Trigg County	3A	No response, remain in drafted class	3	No Change. Remain in Drafted Class
John Hardin	4A	To remain in the original drafted class	1	No Change. Remain in Drafted Class
Elizabethtown	4A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	2	Moved in 2nd Draft to reset line
Nelson County	4A	No response, remain in drafted class	3	No Change. Remain in Drafted Class
Harlan County	5A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	1	No change, No school opted to higher class
Highlands	5A	To remain in the original drafted class	2	No change, No school opted to higher class
Warren Central	5A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	3	No change, No school opted to higher class
South Warren	6A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	1	Moved in 2nd Draft to reset line
Apollo	6A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	2	Moved in 2nd Draft to reset line
Campbell County	6A	To move to the class vacated by the playing up school	3	No Change. Remain in Drafted Class

Geographic and Time Zone Requests	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
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Adair County	<p>We would like to request that we play in the central time zone for travel purposes. In the past we have had early release on Fridays, so travel time has not been an issue. In the 2023 school year and moving forward we are going back to full day Fridays. With that we do not get out of school until 3 pm central time and with bus issues we cannot get out of town before 4 pm central. If we are in a district that is all or mostly eastern time, we would not be able to start a game before 8 pm eastern. We understand that we might have to play some in that time zone but if we can request mostly or all central time zone that would help. Thanks for your consideration.</p>	
Breckinridge County	<p>First and foremost thank you for your time and consideration. Breckinridge County plans to stay in the 4A classification for this cycle but would like to petition to play in a district with the 4A schools in and around Hardin and Jefferson counties. We have spent many years in the district with these teams and after surveying all factors such as driving distance and travel conditions we feel this is the best spot for our program. We are making this request based upon the distances to these other 4A schools and also the driving conditions to these schools as well. The following is a distance in mileage from each of the schools that we are requesting to potentially play with: John Hardin: 39 Miles Elizabethtown: 39 Miles Louisville Valley: 46 Miles Louisville Doss: 51 Miles Louisville Western: 54 Miles In comparison to all other teams in the 4A classification currently ALL would be longer drives than these teams east of Breckinridge County. In addition, our football coaching staff drives the buses and trailers to games on Friday nights and these trips to Hardin and Jefferson County represent better and safer travel conditions for our coaches than all other trips in 4A. We understand that we cannot pick and choose a district so the scenario above may not be perfect due to movement of teams up and down but there are still teams such as Nelson County (71 Miles away and good driving conditions) that could be potential opponents east of us as well. As always we truly appreciate all you do for football in our state and the time to hear us out. Thank you for your time and consideration!</p>	
Casey County	<p>Casey County requests, if feasible, to be placed in a district with teams in the eastern standard time zone. We currently must place 3 of 4 teams that are in the central time zone. This would be more fan friendly and reduce some travel issues if the like teams were geographically closer and on eastern standard time.</p>	

Request to Play in Lower Class	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
Fort Campbell	<p>We wish to be dropped a class. We are a small, extremely transient school. Even with building the right culture and characteristics of being a solid program we have zero control over when and for how long our students stay with us.</p>		

No Action Necessary, Submitted form with no action requested	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note
Ballard				
Danville				
Dixie Heights				
DuPont Manual				
Holy Cross (Louisville)				
Russell				

Request for Consideration of Non-Enrollment Factors	O-CL	Response Note	N/A	Staff Note

Boone County	<p>I appreciate your time and feedback on these matters. At your suggestion, I have drafted a letter that I will post in the open comment section of the football reclassification form due on Dec. 21. It is my hope that these comments garner some attention from the Board of Control. I also hope that these comments help me find schools similarly affected, and that we might start some momentum to reform the classification process. I have pasted the letter below in case you would like to offer any feedback before I submit next week.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Organizing schools into classes should make competition between schools fairer and more competitive. Relying solely on enrollment numbers without any consideration for other factors affecting competitiveness works against this principle. The KHSAA should consider additional factors, or at the very least, create some mechanism that provides an opportunity for schools with a documented history of limited success.</p> <p>The current system of classification by enrollment may work for the majority of schools, but it does not work for all. Boone County High School is one such school whose students suffer from the failures of the current classification system. The Boone County football program has had 2 district wins in the past 11 seasons, the most recent coming in 2016. In the four most recent years, the average score in district games was 41-3, meaning the games were so unbalanced that the typical game resulted in a running clock. In a sport as physical and violent as football, this also indicates an imbalance that is potentially dangerous, especially after successive weeks of lopsided district play. It should also be noted that this period has featured 3 different head coaches, all of whom were part of successful programs before or after their time leading Boone County.</p> <p>And yet the current classification document lists Boone County as the 7th largest school in the proposed class 5A. Why would a school near the top of its class in enrollment experience so much adversity for such a prolonged period? The answer is that enrollment without context does not tell the whole story. The area around Boone County High School has grown dramatically over the last five decades, but in the last 30 years, that growth has increasingly been outside of Florence. Conner in Hebron (opened in 1970), Ryle in Union (1992), and Cooper in Union (2008) have been the beneficiaries of this growth since 1990. And while Boone County High School's enrollment is within roughly 100 students of Conner and Cooper, those numbers again do not tell the whole story. According to KDE school report card information from 2021-22, 54.3% of the Boone County High School student body was eligible for free and reduced lunch compared to an average of 28.9% among the other three high schools in the same district. The number of Boone students eligible this year is currently 57.1%, continuing the trend of an increasing percentage of students at Boone County High School facing the challenges of income insecurity and the accompanying barriers to participation in school activities. Examining the number of students identified as English Language Learners (ELL) paints a similar picture. These students are often first or second-generation immigrants, and they face additional barriers to participation in school activities. According to KDE school report card information from 2021-22, 13.7% of the Boone County High School student body was identified as ELL compared to an average of 3.3% among the other three high schools in the same district. In the current school year, the number of Boone County High School students labeled as ELL has increased to 14.5%, continuing a trend.</p> <p>Considering the trends, it is difficult to imagine a scenario where Boone County High School can be competitive in a district derived exclusively from raw enrollment numbers with no regard for context or prior success. Certainly there are other schools across the state similarly handicapped when they are judged by enrollment without any consideration for their own unique situation. If it is the goal of the KHSAA to make competition between schools fairer and more competitive, the KHSAA must consider additional factors in classification, or at the very least, create some mechanism that provides an opportunity for schools with a documented history of limited success.</p>	
Madisonville-North Hopkins	<p>The Hopkins County School Board of Education has voted to change school attendance zones beginning next school year, 2023-2024. Therefore, Madisonville-North Hopkins High School would like to petition the KHSAA to stay in 4A/Region 1/District 1. The projected enrollment at Madisonville-North Hopkins High School for 2023-2024 will range from 1,050 to 1,100 students. This will decrease our boy enrollment closer 525 by 2023-2024 and closer to 500 in three years. The school attendance zone changes will decrease Madisonville North Hopkins student enrollment to about 1000 students over the next three years. The Hopkins County Board of Education aims to ensure that school enrollments are closer to building capacities across the district and to make the most efficient use of facilities. These goals will reduce the projected enrollment at Madisonville North Hopkins High School to about 1,000 students within three years to better balance the enrollment with the other district high school. The travel cost for 4A/Region 1/District 1 is favorable as well. Please take this into consideration.</p>	
West Carter	<p>West Carter submitted a form specifically requesting to play up into 3A. However, they also sent additional historical informatoin making their originaly request somewhat unclear-</p> <p>We prefer to stay in 2A with a district of Martin, Prestonsburg, Floyd Central and Betsy Layne, due to travel. If this is not the setup, we would need to play 3A due to travel. The worst trip we would have in my proposed district would be two hours (Betsy Layne). For any other district in 2A our average trip would be well over 2 hours.</p> <p>We have many schools in our local area that are 3A. We have been in a district with Bath County for the past 2 alignments. Our longest term district rivals have been Fleming County and Lewis County. Our county rival plays in 3A as well. Over the years we have been in districts with Powell, Estill, Morgan, Pendleton counties, Russell, and even Lloyd Memorial. When factoring out the northern part of US 23 (Martin and Floyd), we are a geographic outlier in Class 2A. Simply put, any team other than those four are in a tough spot having to travel to us (either by distance or by lack of highway or both).</p>	