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Foundation Christian Academy

Petition to Move from the KHSAA 14th District to the 13th District

Executive Summary

To the KHSAA Board of Control,

Foundation Christian Academy respectfully requests reassignment from the 14th District to the 13th District. This move is not sought for convenience—it is a decision rooted in what is best for our students.

Our school is in a season of growth, building athletic programs that aim to compete with excellence while staying true to our mission of developing the whole student—academically, athletically, and spiritually. The 13th District offers:

- **Competitive Balance:** An environment that challenges our teams while providing realistic opportunities for postseason advancement, encouraging participation and program growth.
- **Geographic Fit with Community Ties:** Many of our athletes already participate in youth leagues, middle school games, and community events with schools in the 13th District. We currently run a bus from Franklin, Ky to Foundation Christian as many of our students are from Franklin. Our high school programs are already scheduling teams from the 13th district and travel is not an issue. This natural overlap fosters stronger rivalries, greater fan engagement, and more meaningful athletic experiences.
- **Shared Values:** The schools in the 13th District reflect a similar commitment to character, sportsmanship, and the overall student experience—not just athletic success. We believe this is the case with all KHSAA schools, however, we have a rooted comrade with teams in the 13th district and share common values, beliefs, and goals.
- **Long-Term Stability:** A competitive environment that will help us retain athletes, develop younger players, and build programs that will thrive for years to come.

We believe this change will strengthen our athletic programs, deepen our community connections, and most importantly, create the healthiest environment for our student-athletes to grow and succeed.

The decision to move Foundation Christian Academy to the 13th District is, at its core, a decision to put students first. We respectfully ask for your support in making this transition a reality.

With appreciation,

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Petition to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association

Request to Move Foundation Christian Academy from the 14th District to the 13th District

To the KHSAA Board of Control,

On behalf of Foundation Christian Academy, its administration, faculty, student-athletes, and families, we respectfully submit this petition to request a reclassification of our athletic programs from the KHSAA 14th District to the KHSAA 13th District.

This request is made after careful consideration of the competitive balance, developmental opportunities, and long-term growth of our athletic programs. We believe this change will position our student-athletes for the healthiest and most sustainable success while also aligning us more naturally with the schools and communities that share similar characteristics.

1. Competitive Balance and Growth

Our athletic programs are in a stage of steady growth, and it is crucial to provide our student-athletes with competitive opportunities that match our current size, depth, and experience.

- **Right-Sized Competition:** The 13th District offers a more balanced level of competition for our developing programs, allowing our teams to remain challenged while still having realistic opportunities for postseason success.
- **Sustainable Development:** Being in a district that aligns with our current program size ensures that our athletes can progress at a healthy pace rather than facing consistent mismatches that may discourage participation and at times would put our students in danger of significant injury.

2. Geographic Alignment with Natural Communities

While our current district places us alongside strong programs, the natural geographic and community connections of the 13th District align more closely with our school.

- **Community Ties:** Many of our students, families, and alumni already have personal and professional connections with communities and schools in the 13th District. We currently bus students from Franklin, Ky to Foundation Christians Academy every day in the morning and afternoon.
- **Natural Rivalries:** Proximity fosters genuine school rivalries, leading to increased attendance, heightened school spirit, and stronger engagement from both student bodies and local supporters.
- **Feeder Opportunities:** Being in the same district as schools we already interact with through youth leagues and middle school athletics would strengthen player development and continuity across grade levels. Again, many of our students come from Franklin and play in Franklin youth leagues.

3. Strengthening Community Connections

High school athletics thrive when schools compete against others that share similar community values and student experiences.

- **Natural Fit:** The 13th District includes schools that, like Foundation Christian Academy, place a high value on building character, sportsmanship, and the overall student experience—not just the win-loss record.
- **Shared Values:** Aligning with schools that share similar goals for their student-athletes will foster stronger partnerships, positive rivalries, and a more meaningful athletic atmosphere.

4. Supporting the Whole Student

As a Christian school, our mission is to develop the whole person—academically, athletically, and spiritually.

- **Balanced Commitments:** The 13th District alignment would better allow us to balance athletics with academics, chapel, service projects, and other extracurricular activities that are central to our mission.
- **Encouraging Participation:** A more competitive fit can increase student involvement in athletics, giving more students the opportunity to experience the benefits of teamwork, perseverance, and leadership.

5. Long-Term Stability for Our Programs

Our goal is not just to compete, but to build programs that will thrive for years to come.

- **Program Growth:** Being in the right competitive environment will help us retain athletes, develop younger players, and expand offerings for both boys' and girls' sports.
- **Postseason Opportunities:** The 13th District provides a pathway for more competitive postseason play, which will inspire athletes and generate lasting school pride.

Conclusion

This petition is not made for convenience—it is rooted in what is best for our students' competitive development, personal growth, and overall school community. The 13th District is a more natural home for Foundation Christian Academy, providing the right blend of competitive balance, geographic alignment, shared values, and opportunity for growth.

We respectfully ask the KHSAA to approve our request to reassign Foundation Christian Academy to the 13th District, ensuring that our students are placed in the environment that will allow them to thrive both on and off the field. This request is being made with the sole purpose of doing what is best for our students at Foundation Christian Academy. We respectfully ask to be added to the board agenda for discussion.

With gratitude for your consideration,

Dr. Derrick Perdue
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August 15th, 2025