

Pull Down to Select School Letcher County Central High School

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Withdrawal from district competition

Does this school desire to withdraw from postseason competition for the period of 2027 and 2028? No

Other General Commentary Including any geographic placement suggestions

Please mention any other desired comments on behalf of your school:

I am writing to respectfully advocate for the placement of Letcher County Central High School in Class 3A District 7 rather than Class 3A District 8 as part of the ongoing district realignment process.

A primary factor in this consideration is the travel time and distance required for student-athletes, staff, and families. When comparing the two district options, District 7 presents a more balanced and practical travel schedule overall.

District 7 Travel (One-Way):

- Russell: 2 hours 37 minutes (161 miles)
- East Carter: 2 hours 20 minutes (114 miles)
- Lawrence County: 1 hour 52 minutes (99 miles)
- Floyd Central: 57 minutes (46 miles)

District 8 Travel (One-Way):

- Bell County: 1 hour 30 minutes (75 miles)
- Rockcastle County: 2 hours 12 minutes (121 miles)
- Knox Central: 1 hour 42 minutes (86 miles)
- Clay County: 1 hour 35 minutes (80 miles)
- Perry Central: 49 minutes (37 miles)

While both districts include longer travel destinations, District 8 requires more frequent mid-range trips in the 1.5 to 2+ hour range across a greater number of schools. This results in increased cumulative travel time, more missed instructional time for students, and added transportation costs.

District 7, by contrast, offers a more manageable structure with fewer total opponents and a clearer balance between one shorter trip (Floyd Central) and longer trips that, while

significant, are fewer in number. This structure allows for more efficient scheduling and reduces the repeated strain of extended travel throughout the season.

Additionally, minimizing travel demands is essential for student well-being, academic success, and community involvement. Long and frequent travel can create fatigue, limit participation, and place unnecessary burdens on families and school resources.

For these reasons, District 7 represents a more practical and sustainable alignment for Letcher County Central High School. I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter.