

Pull Down to Select School Morgan County 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:

Morgan County appreciates the opportunity provided by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to review and respond to feedback regarding the 2027–2028 football alignment.

After reviewing the proposal submitted by Prestonsburg High School, we respectfully disagree with the suggested changes and believe the current draft alignment should remain as originally constructed.

The current draft alignment places Morgan County in Class 2A, Region 6 alongside Jackson County, Lewis County, Powell County, and West Carter, while Prestonsburg is placed in Region 7 with Breathitt County, Magoffin County, and Martin County.

This structure creates two logical, geographically consistent groupings:

Region 6: I-64 / northeast corridor schools
Region 7: Mountain / Floyd–Magoffin–Martin cluster

Moving teams between these regions, as suggested, would disrupt a clear geographic boundary and create unnecessary travel complications for multiple schools—not just one.

While concerns about travel may have been cited in Prestonsburg’s proposal, those concerns are not unique to one school.

Morgan County—and others in Region 6—already face:
Significant travel distances across rural areas
Limited direct routes between schools
Increased transportation costs and missed instructional time

The current alignment distributes those challenges as evenly as possible across all member schools. Adjusting the alignment to benefit one school would shift that burden disproportionately onto others.

The KHSAA alignment process is designed to balance:

Enrollment-based classification

Geographic proximity

Competitive equity

The current structure meets those criteria effectively. Altering it based on individual preference risks:

Creating competitive imbalances

Triggering additional realignment requests from other schools

Undermining the consistency of the classification system

Maintaining stability is critical, especially with scheduling already impacted by the alignment process and the existing scheduling moratorium.

If adjustments are made in response to one school's concerns, it sets a precedent that could:

Encourage widespread appeals

Complicate future alignment cycles

Reduce confidence in the process as a whole

Morgan County believes strongly that all schools should be held to the same standard, and that the current alignment reflects a fair application of those standards.

Morgan County High School respectfully recommends that the KHSAA retain the current proposed alignment without modification.

The existing structure:

Preserves geographic consistency

Balances travel demands across schools

Maintains competitive fairness

Supports long-term stability for scheduling and program development

We appreciate the work of the KHSAA in developing this alignment and believe the current proposal best serves the interests of all member schools—not just individual programs.