



Grayson County High School XC/Track Region Consideration

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Good afternoon, Mr. Tackett,

I hope you are doing well.

I am reaching out as the Principal of Grayson County High School on behalf of our Track & Field and Cross Country coaches to respectfully request that the KHSAA reconsider our recent regional assignment that came out in the draft alignment that was previously emailed out which moved Grayson County High School from Region 2 to Region 1.

We understand this adjustment may have been made due to time zone considerations, and we certainly appreciate the complexity involved in balancing regional alignments across the state. However, we are concerned that this change creates significant logistical challenges for our student-athletes, families, and school district.

Compared to Region 2, the travel required for Region 1 competition is substantially greater. Based on Google Maps, the closest Region 1 school is Daviess County at approximately 59 miles from our campus, which is farther than every school in Region 2. Additionally, five of the nine other Region 1 schools are more than 85 miles away, with some regional opponents located well over 125 miles from Grayson County High School. These increased travel distances will result in higher transportation costs for our district and place a greater burden on our families and supporters who attend these events.

There also appears to be an opportunity to create a more balanced regional alignment. Region 1 currently consists of 10 schools (including Grayson County High School), while Region 2 has only 8 schools. Returning Grayson County High School to Region 2 would result in two regions with nine schools each.

From a competitive perspective, our coaches would agree that competing in Region 1 may actually be advantageous. Our concern is not based on competitive balance but rather on what is in the best interest of our student-athletes and community from a practical standpoint. The additional travel time means students spend more time away from home and the classroom, increases transportation expenses, and makes it considerably more difficult for parents and supporters to attend competitions.

For reference, below is a comparison of the approximate driving distances from Grayson County High School to each regional opponent.

Region 1

- Apollo – 62 miles
- Christian County – 90 miles
- Daviess County – 59 miles
- Graves County – 155 miles
- Henderson County – 85 miles
- Marshall County – 127 miles
- McCracken County – 146 miles
- Muhlenberg County – 60 miles
- Owensboro – 61 miles

Region 2

- Barren County – 56 miles
- Bowling Green – 42 miles
- Central Hardin – 32 miles
- Greenwood – 47 miles
- Meade County – 48 miles
- North Hardin – 45 miles
- South Warren – 52 miles
- Warren Central – 42 miles

We sincerely appreciate the time and effort that goes into developing regional assignments, and we recognize that every decision requires balancing many competing factors. We simply ask that our situation be reviewed to determine whether returning Grayson County High School to Region 2 would better serve our student-athletes while also creating a more balanced regional alignment.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of Kentucky's student-athletes. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information that would be helpful during your review.



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