



KHSAA Form FB104  
Rev. 7/06

**KHSAA Football Alignment**  
**Receipt and / or Request for Changes in the Draft Alignment**  
(All responses will be copied and given to the Board of Control prior to the October 18 meeting)  
Deadline for submission for 2011 through 2014 seasons – October 14, 2010

**Section I. To be completed by schools desiring no additional input.**

As the representatives of this school we have received and reviewed the proposed alignment of schools and recommend no changes.

**Section II. To be completed by schools desiring to withdraw from district competition**

As the representatives of this school, we request to be withdrawn from football championship competition in 2011 through 2014. We understand that we will be out of district competition until the end of the classification cycle.

**Section III. To be completed by schools desiring to see other alignment changes.**

As the representatives of this school, we request that the following suggested amendments to the alignment of schools in football be given consideration by the KHSAA Board of Control with respect to this school (attach additional if necessary):

See attached
3 Standards

**Section IV. To be completed by schools desiring to appear before the Board of Control**

As the representatives of this school, we request to appear before the Board of Control on October 18 and testify with respect to Section III above.

School

Principal Signature (required):

Athletic Director Signature (required)

Date:

*Middlesboro High School*

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## KHSAA FOOTBALL ALIGNMENT REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN THE DRAFT ALIGNMENT

KHSAA Board of Control:

After careful review of the draft alignment, Middlesboro High School would like to suggest the following changes to the alignment in regard to how it affects our school.

### SCENARIO # 1:

#### **Move Middlesboro High School from District 7 to District 8:**

This adjustment would leave four (4) teams in District 7 and would place five (5) teams in District 8. The rationale for this adjustment would be to preserve as many mountain rivalries as possible. We are a "mountain school" and would like to continue playing other "mountain teams" as often as possible. Regardless of distance between schools, we feel that the familiarity of playing other teams from this area of the state would lend itself to better crowds, more profitable gate receipts for the home and away schools and could lead to new rivalries within the "mountains".

Other possibilities that exist within this scenario would be to move both Middlesboro and Leslie County High Schools from District 7 to District 8 based on the rationale above and also move Russell High School to District 6, move Lloyd Memorial to District 5 and move Owen County High School to District 7. This would create the following districts:

<b>District 5:</b>	<b>District 6:</b>	<b>District 7:</b>	<b>District 8:</b>
Carroll County	Bishop Brossart	Danville	Betsy Layne
Gallatin County	Cov. Holy Cross	Lexington Christian	Leslie County
Lloyd Memorial	Newport	Owen County	Middlesboro
Walton Verona	Newport Central Catholic	Somerset	Prestonsburg
	Russell		Shelby Valley

When looking at preserving as many regional rivalries and the economic benefits that come with them, we feel that this is a better option. The other economic factor to examine would be travel expenses. The current alignment works out great for *some* schools, especially those in Districts 5 and 6 who have the advantage of the presence of several 2A schools in their region. The scenario that we've outlined is more equitable for all schools. Everyone may have to travel a little further, but this would seem to level the playing field economically when comparing travel costs and other factors such as class time missed for travel, etc.



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**SCENARIO # 2:**

**Move Middlesboro and Leslie County to District 8 AND grant Prestonsburg High School's request to move to Class 3A.**

This scenario would leave District 8 with 5 teams, Betsy Layne, Middlesboro, Leslie County, Russell and Shelby Valley. It would, however, require some shuffling of Districts 5 and/or 6 as outlined in scenario # 1 to ensure that District 7 had at least 4 teams. With Owen County being the southern most school, maybe they get moved into District 7 to create a 4 team district. This scenario would create the following districts:

District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8
Carroll County	Bishop Brossart	Danville	Betsy Layne
Gallatin County	Holy Cross (Cov.)	Lexington Christian	Leslie County
Trimble County	Lloyd Memorial	Owen County	Middlesboro
Walton Verona	Newport	Somerset	Russell
	Newport Central Cath.		Shelby Valley

Our rationale for proposing this scenario is basically the same as our rationale from Scenario # 1 and is also based on conversations with Prestonsburg High School where they have expressed a desire to move up to Class 3A.



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**SCENARIO # 3:**

**Grant Middlesboro High School request to move to Class 3A District 7:**

Our third scenario would be to move us up to Class 3A and let us play in District 7. Again, this situation would allow us to play schools that closer to our region and we would benefit because of the natural interest/rivalries. Our rationale is much the same for this suggestion: Increased community/fan interest, better gate receipts, and reduced transportation costs.

In this scenario we would play in a district where we already have natural rivalries from years past like Breathitt County and other opponents that Middlesboro has played in the same district with at times during the past such as Knott County Central, Morgan County and Magoffin County. Jackson County would certainly be considered a school within our "Mountain" region.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Sincerely,

Middlesboro High School