



## **Academy Activities Commission Meeting Minutes October 25 - November 1, 2024**

### **I. Roll Call & Prayer**

The meeting was called to order by Barrett Donahoe and opened in prayer by Lawrence Coco (continuation of previous meeting).

The following members were present:

District 1AA - Craig Dailey (Delta Academy)  
District 2AA - Rachel Thomas (Columbus Christian)  
District 3AA – Randy Holloway (WCCA)  
District 4AA – Lisa Walters (Briarfield Academy)  
District 1AAA – Darrow Anderson (West Memphis)  
District 2AAA – Joe Taylor (Humphreys Academy)  
District 3AAA – Jarel Wade (Sylva-Bay Academy)  
District 4AAA - Blake Purvis (Porters Chapel)  
District 1AAAA - Rone Walker (Lee Academy - MS)  
District 2AAAA – Craig Mandolini (St. Joe Greenville)  
District 3AAAA – Ryan Laster (Canton Academy)  
District 4AAAA – Jason Taylor (Clinton Christian)  
District 5AAAA - Jason Brabham (Centreville Academy)  
District 1AAAAA – Barrett Donahoe (Pillow Academy)  
District 2AAAAA – Leigh Ann Ballou (Lamar School)  
District 3AAAAA - Phil Junkins (Bowling Green School)  
District 4AAAAA – Mitch Mitchell (Copiah Academy)  
District 1AAAAAA - Lawrence Coco (Jackson Prep)  
District 2AAAAAA - David Horner (Hartfield Academy)

Also in attendance were: Chris Chance, MAIS Director of Athletics; David Drake, Associate Director of Athletics; Shane Blanton, MAIS Executive Director;

## **II. Alignment Approved (First Vote)**

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the attached alignment along with the playoff structure for each sport.

Motion Passed: 19 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained (Electronic Vote)

Appeals will be heard on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Schools may submit appeals via video or email. Video appeals should be submitted by text to 662-582-8831. Email appeals should be sent to [ddrake@msais.org](mailto:ddrake@msais.org). All appeals must come from the head of school and should be submitted by noon on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

## **III. AAC Handbook Language Regarding Recruiting**

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve replace the language in Section V-M with the language listed in Attachment "A" .

Motion Passed: 17 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained

Motion was made, and seconded, to waive the second vote.

Motion Passed: 17 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained

## **IV. Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

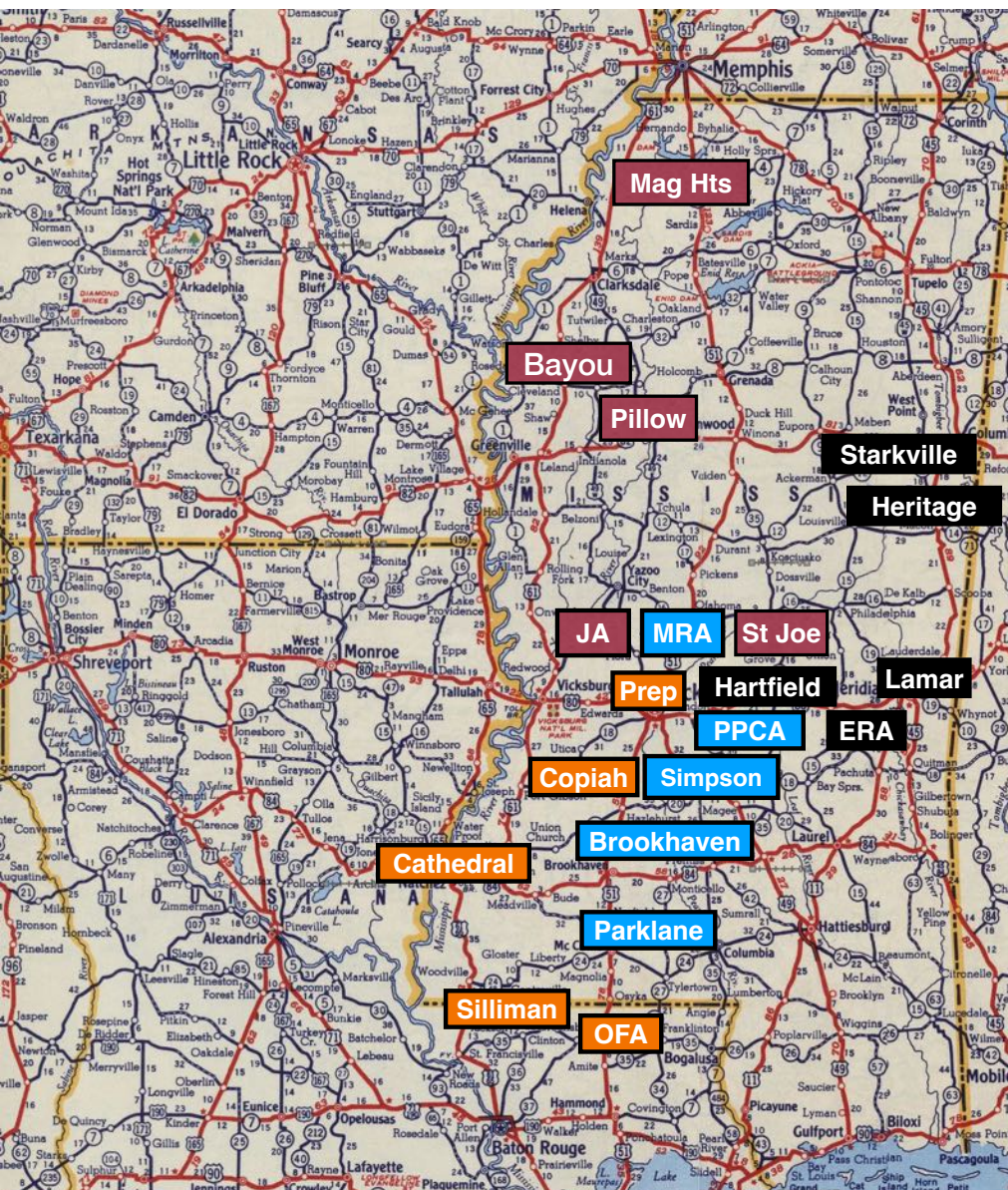
## 2025-27 Tentative Athletic Alignment - Appeal Process

The attached slides show the tentative athletic alignment for the upcoming alignment cycle that passed as a first vote item on Friday, November 1, 2024. Any school that wants to appeal the district in which they have been placed has the right to do so.

Schools are only allowed to appeal the district in which they have been placed. They can legally ask that they be moved to an adjacent district, but cannot ask that another school be moved out of their district.

**Any school desiring to appeal needs to make a short video stating their reasons for the move and send it to David Drake. You can send it via text to 662-582-8831.**

Alignment appeals and the second vote on the alignment that passed today's first vote will be handled via a Zoom call on Wednesday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. Please submit your videos by noon on November 5.



## 11-Man Football Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

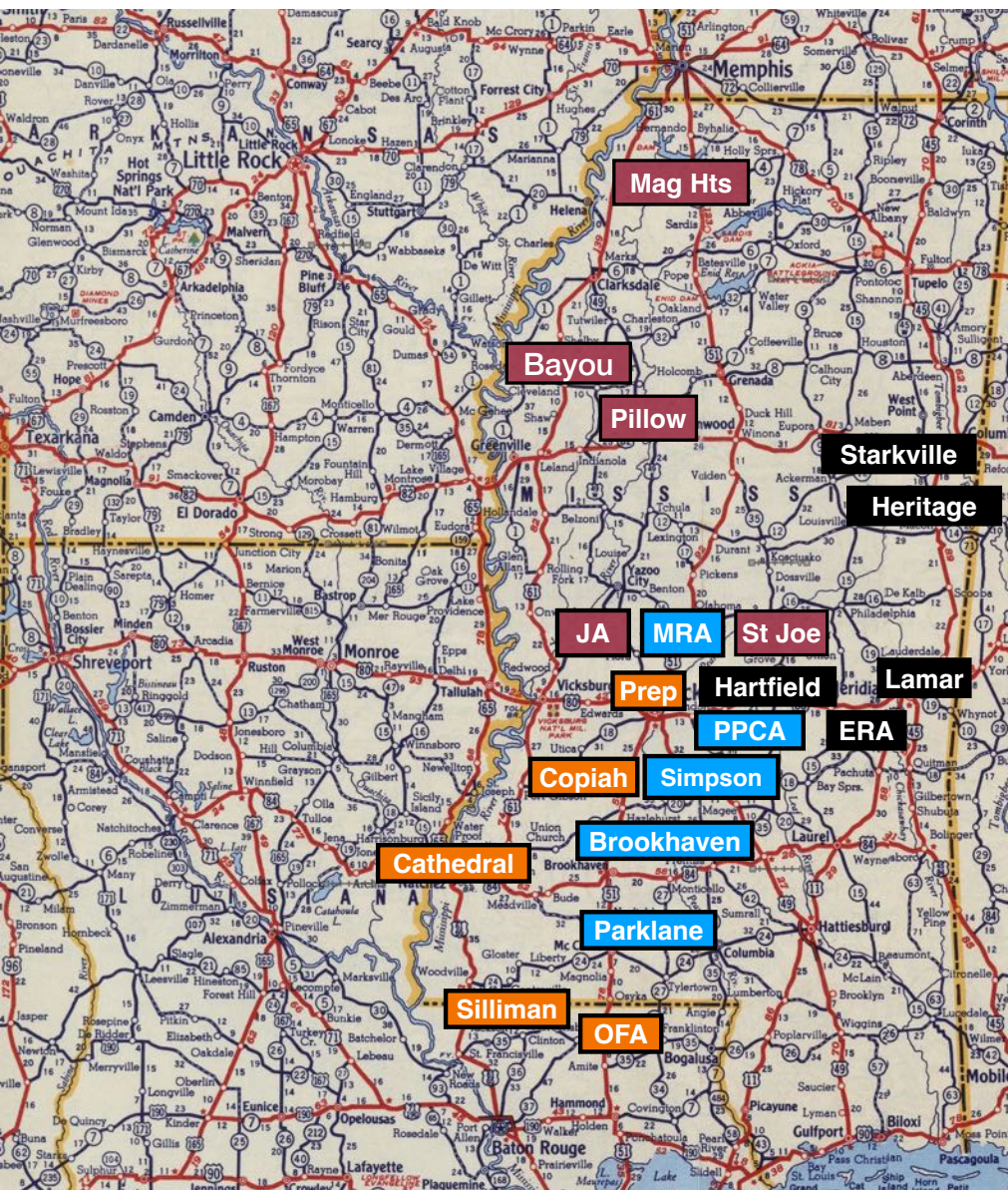
Playoff Structure - Within Class 4A there will be 3 championships using the following guidelines:

Division I Championship - Two week playoff between the four teams that have highest power point averages in Class 4A.

Division II Championship - Three week playoff between the teams that have the next 6 highest power point averages in Class 4A.

Division III Championship - Three week playoff between the teams that have next 6 highest power point averages in Class 4A.





## Basketball Class 4A 20 Schools

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

All teams from each district will advance to a regional tournament. North (Districts 1 & 2) / South (Districts 3 & 4). It is noted that the #4 team will play the #5 team in a play-in game to narrow the field to 8 teams.

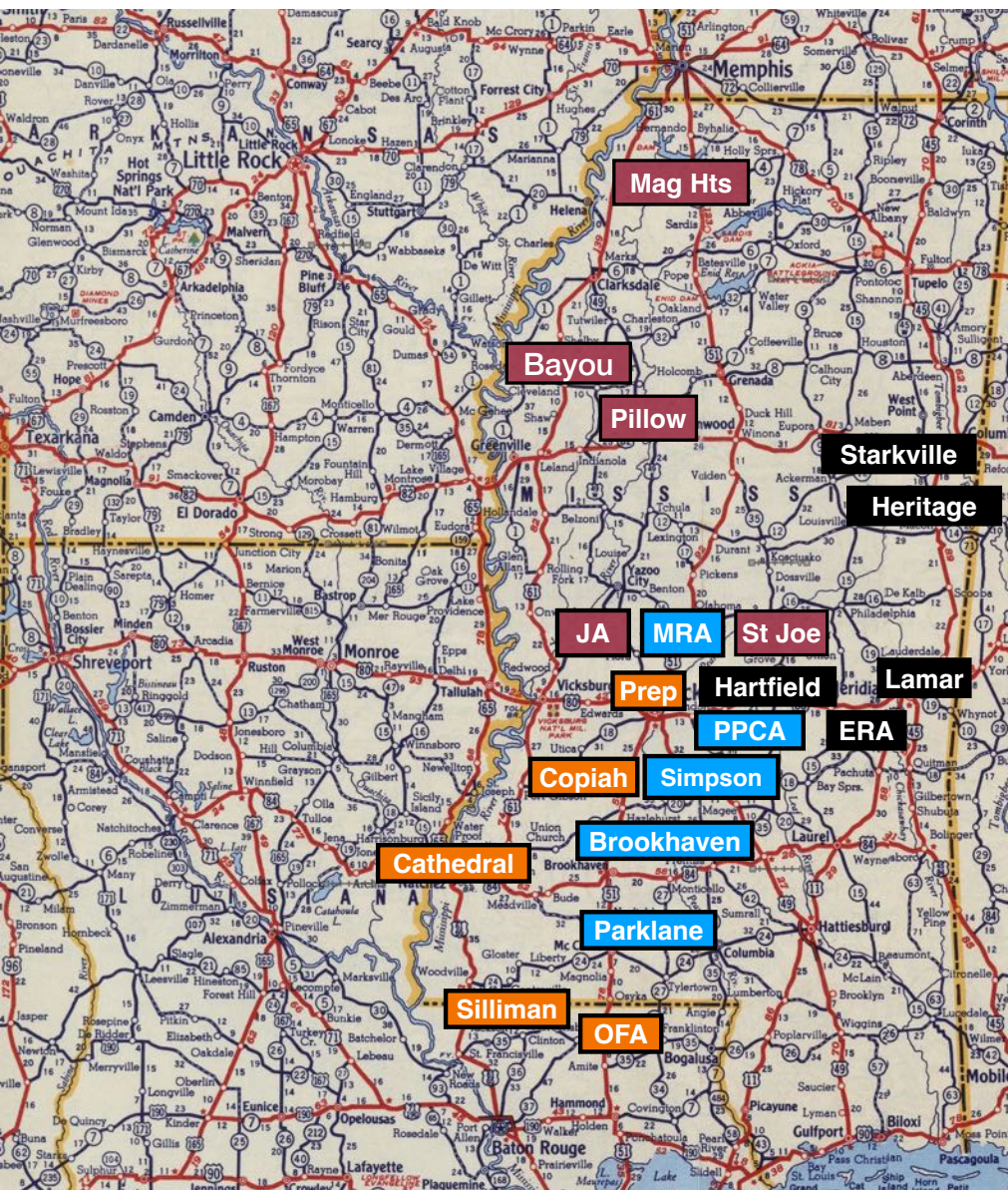
The top 2 teams from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division I Tournament.

The #3 & #4 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division II Tournament.

The #5 & #6 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division III Tournament.

All Division Tournaments will be held at one location.





**Baseball  
Class 4A  
20 Schools**

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

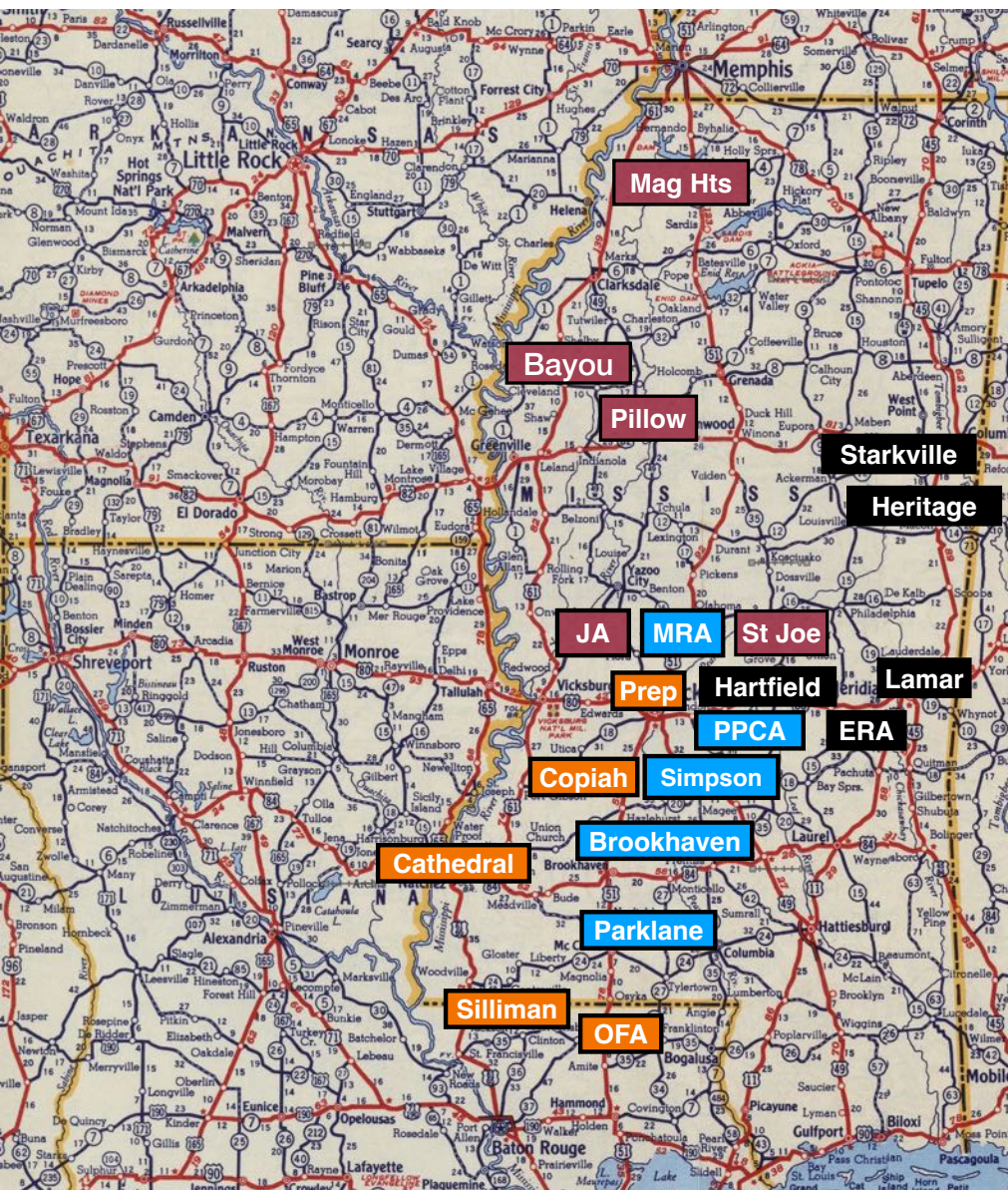
Each district will play a round robin schedule to rank the teams in their district.

In the North, District 1-#1 will play District 2-#2, and District 2-#1 will play District 1-#2. The winners will advance to the Division I Championship. The losers will advance to the Division II Championship.

In the South, District 3-#1 will play District 4-#2, and District 4-#1 will play District 3-#2. The winners will advance to the Division I Championship. The losers will advance to the Division II Championship.

The Division III Tournament will consist of the #3 and #4 finishers in each district.





**Fast-Pitch  
Class 4A  
20 Schools**

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

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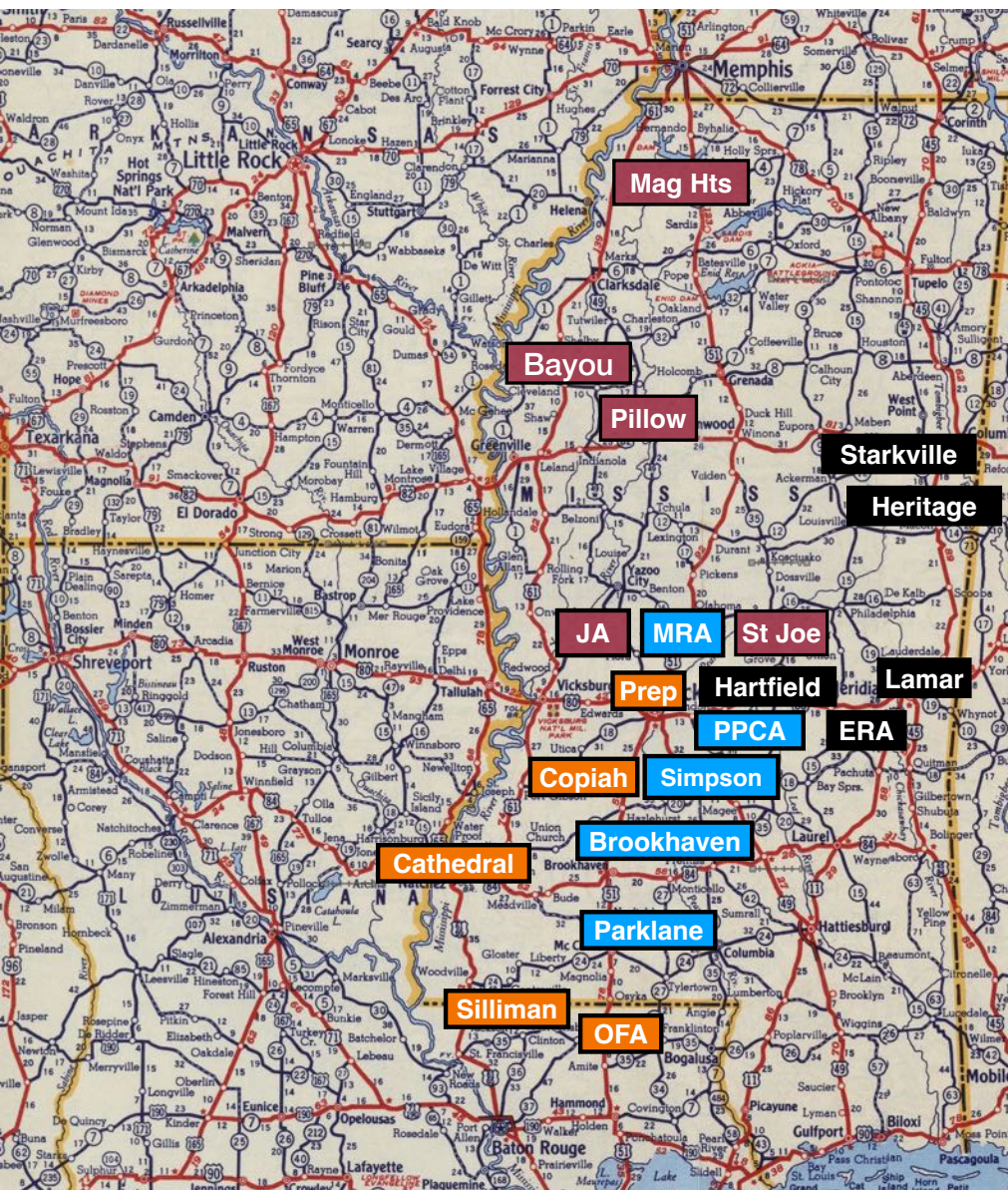
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The #3 & #4 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division II Tournament.

The #5 & #6 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division III Tournament.

All Division Tournaments will be held at one location.





**Soccer  
Class 4A  
20 Schools**

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

Playoff Structure - Within Class 4A there will be 3 championships using the following guidelines:

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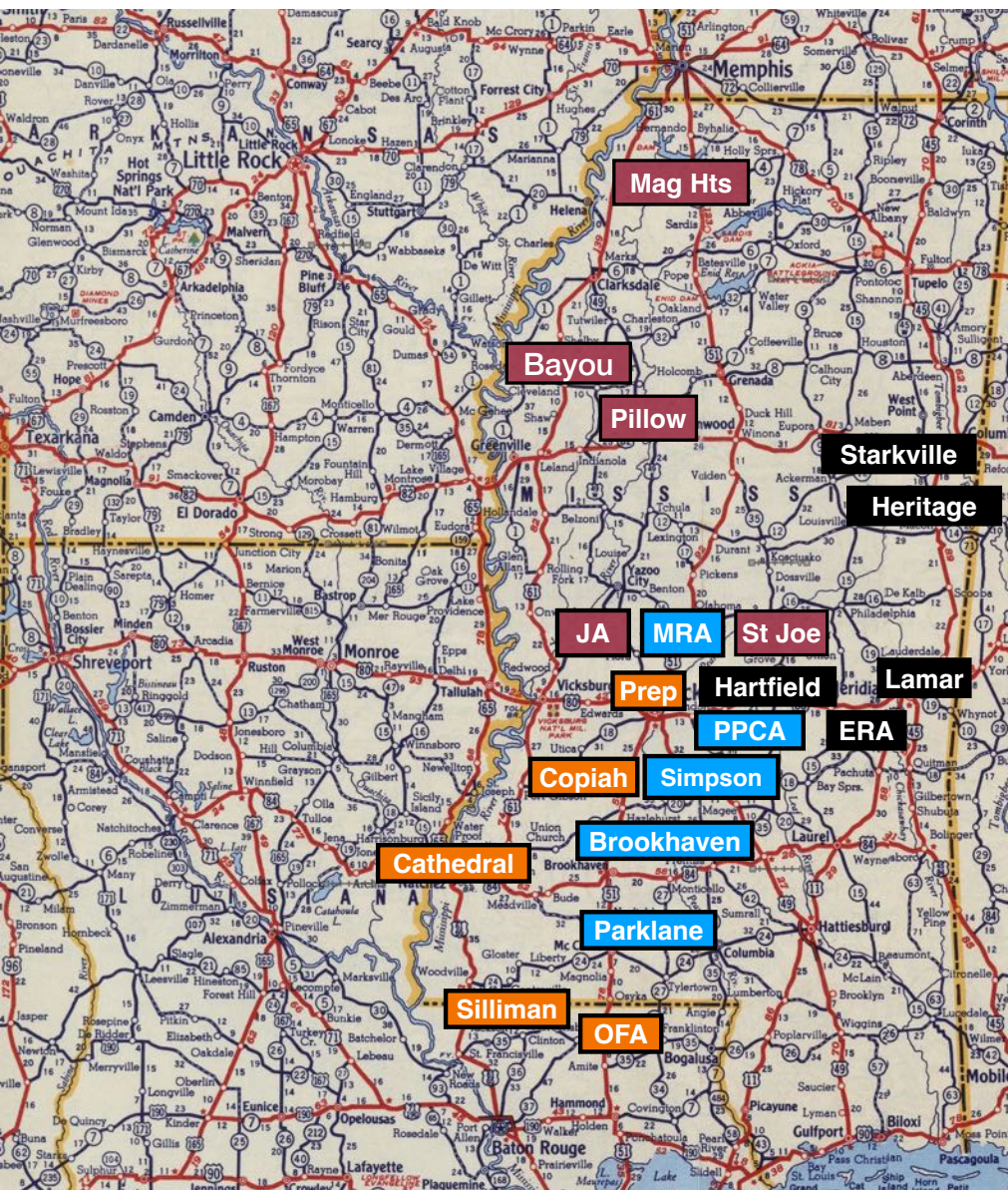
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All Division Tournaments will be held at one location.





## Tennis Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

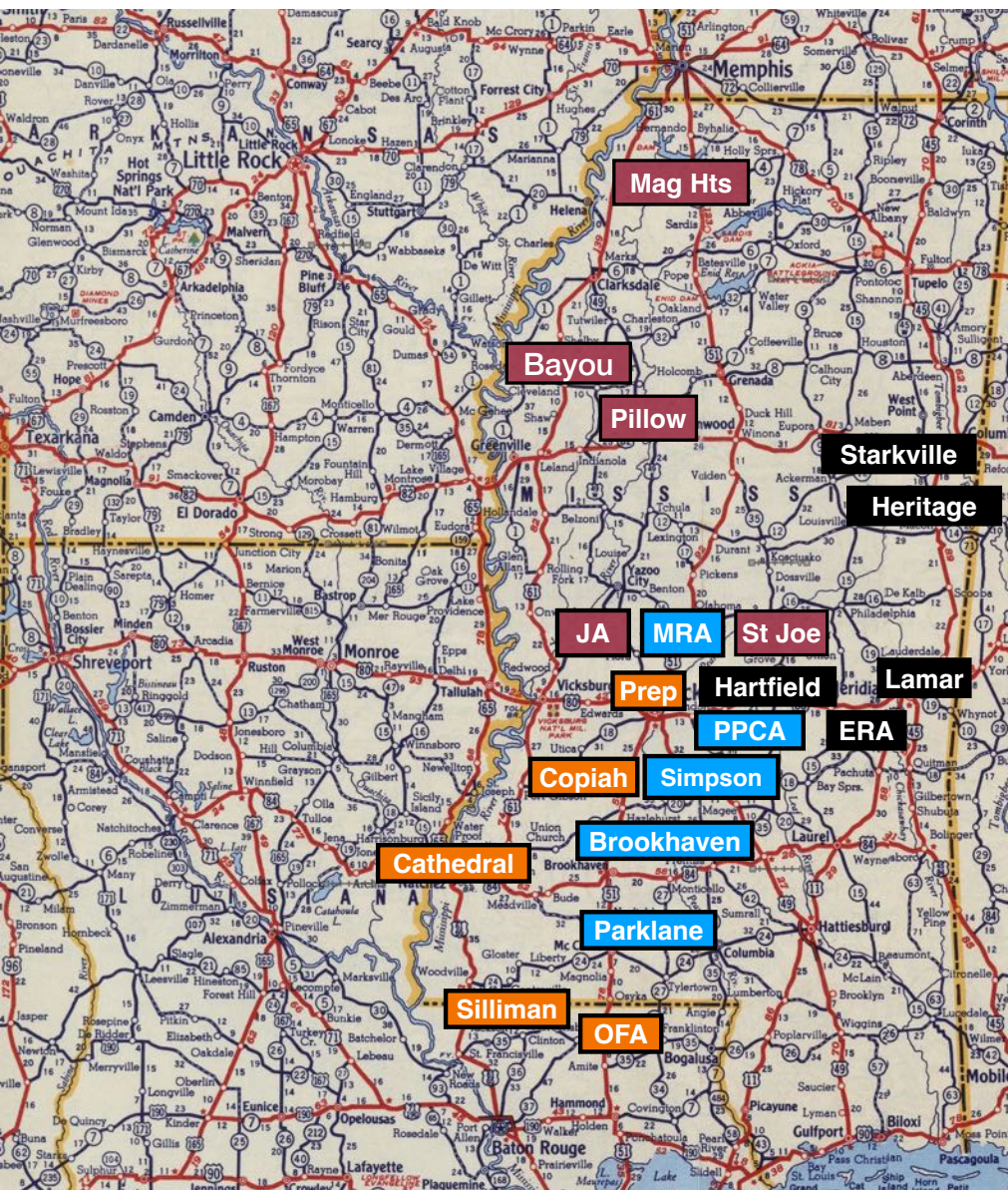
**District 2**

**District 4**

Each district will determine a team tennis champion for the district. All of the players on the team of said champion from each district will advance to the Division I Championship.

All of the tennis players of the 4 remaining schools in each district will advance to their respective regional tournament to determine which individuals will advance to the Division II Championship.





## Golf Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

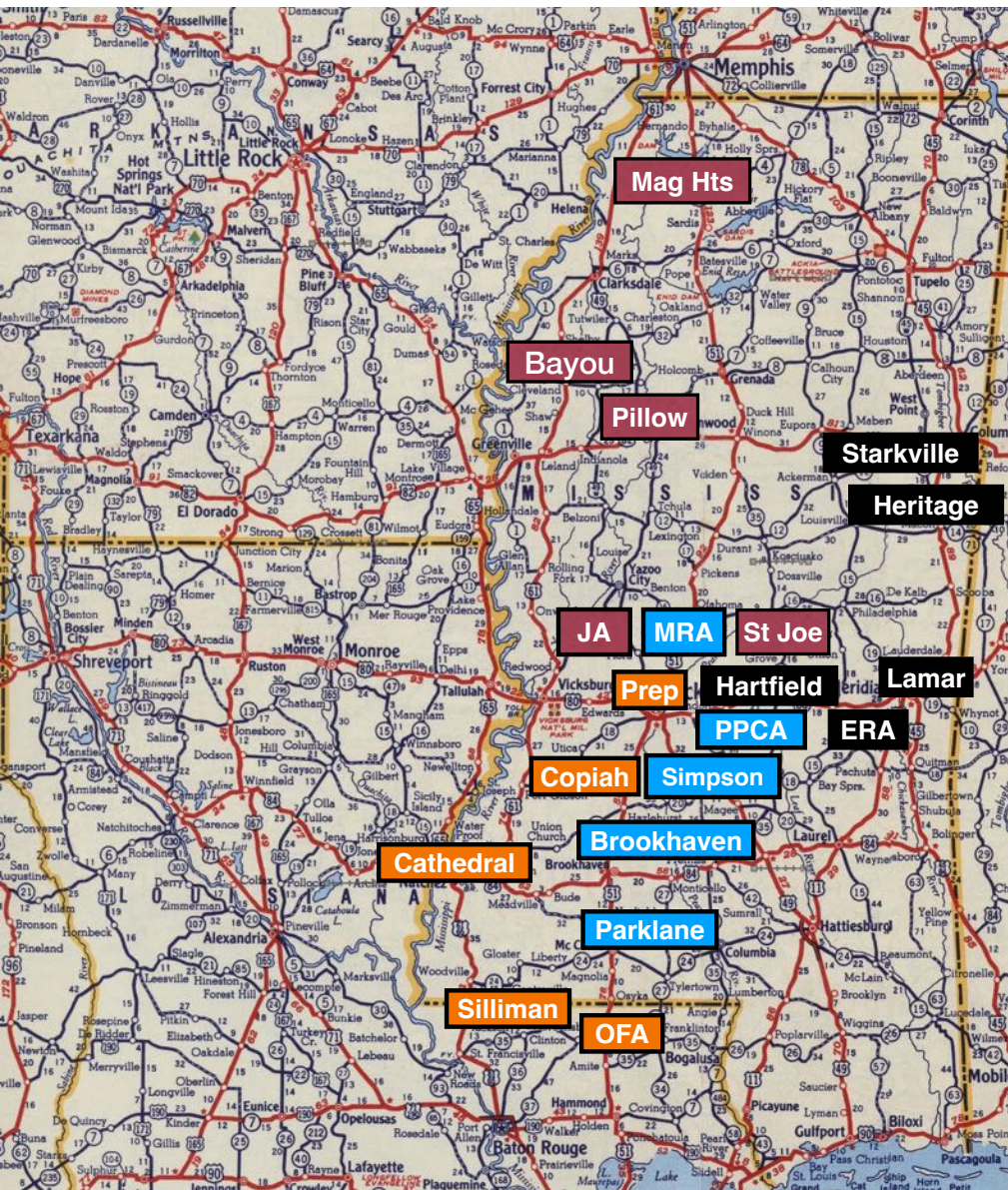
**District 2**

**District 4**

Each district will determine a team golf champion for the district. All of the golfers from said champion from each district will compete for the Division I Championship.

All of the golfers from the 4 remaining schools in each district will advance to their respective regional tournament to determine which individuals will advance to the Division II Championship.





## Track Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

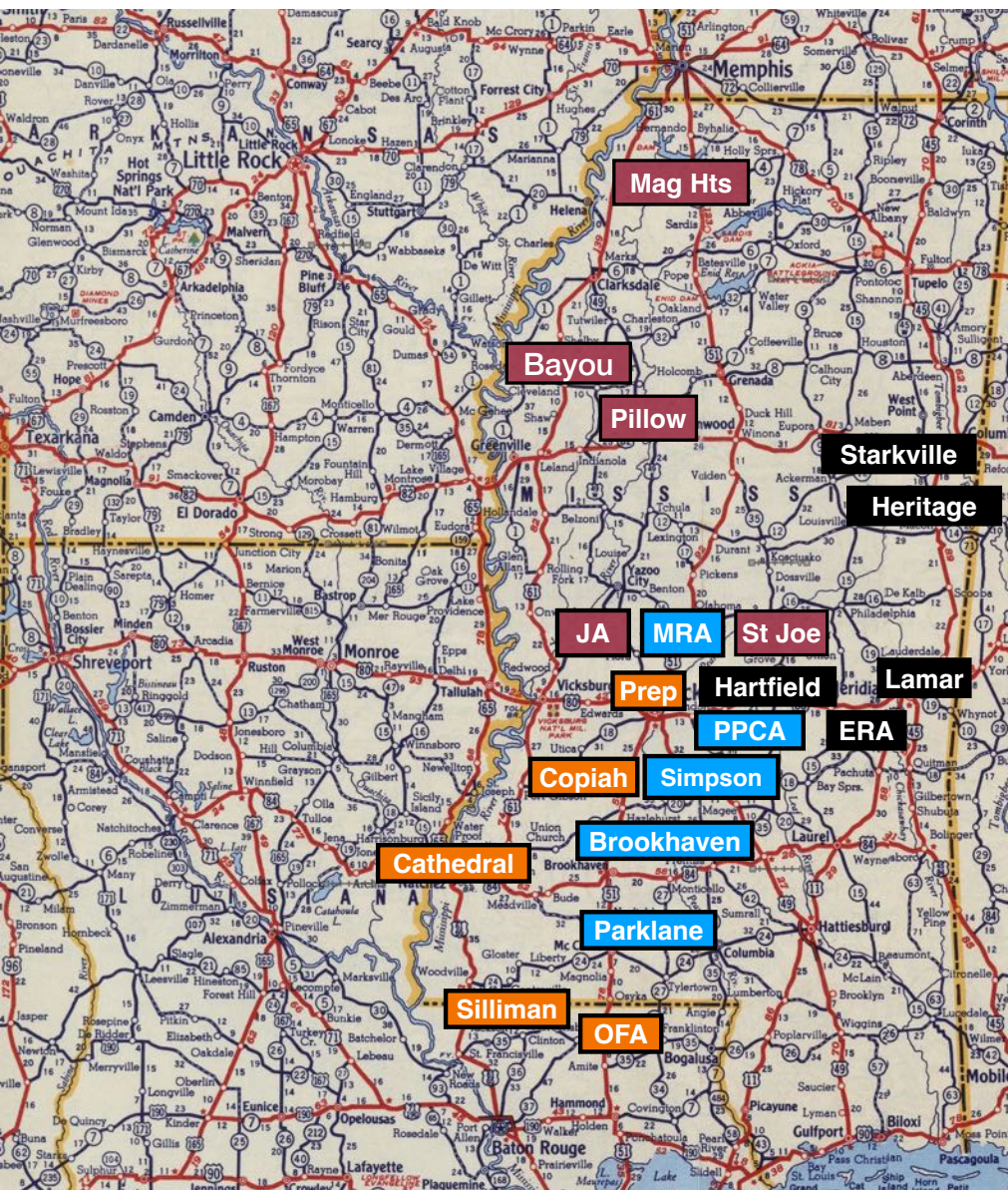
**District 2**

**District 4**

Each district will determine a team track champion for their district. All participants from said champion from each district will qualify to advance to the Division I Track Meet.

All of the participants from the 4 remaining schools in each district qualify to advance to their respective regional track meet to determine which individuals will then advance to the Division II Track Meet. The top four finishers from the North and South regional meets will advance to the class meet.





## Archery Class 4A 20 Schools

District 1

District 3

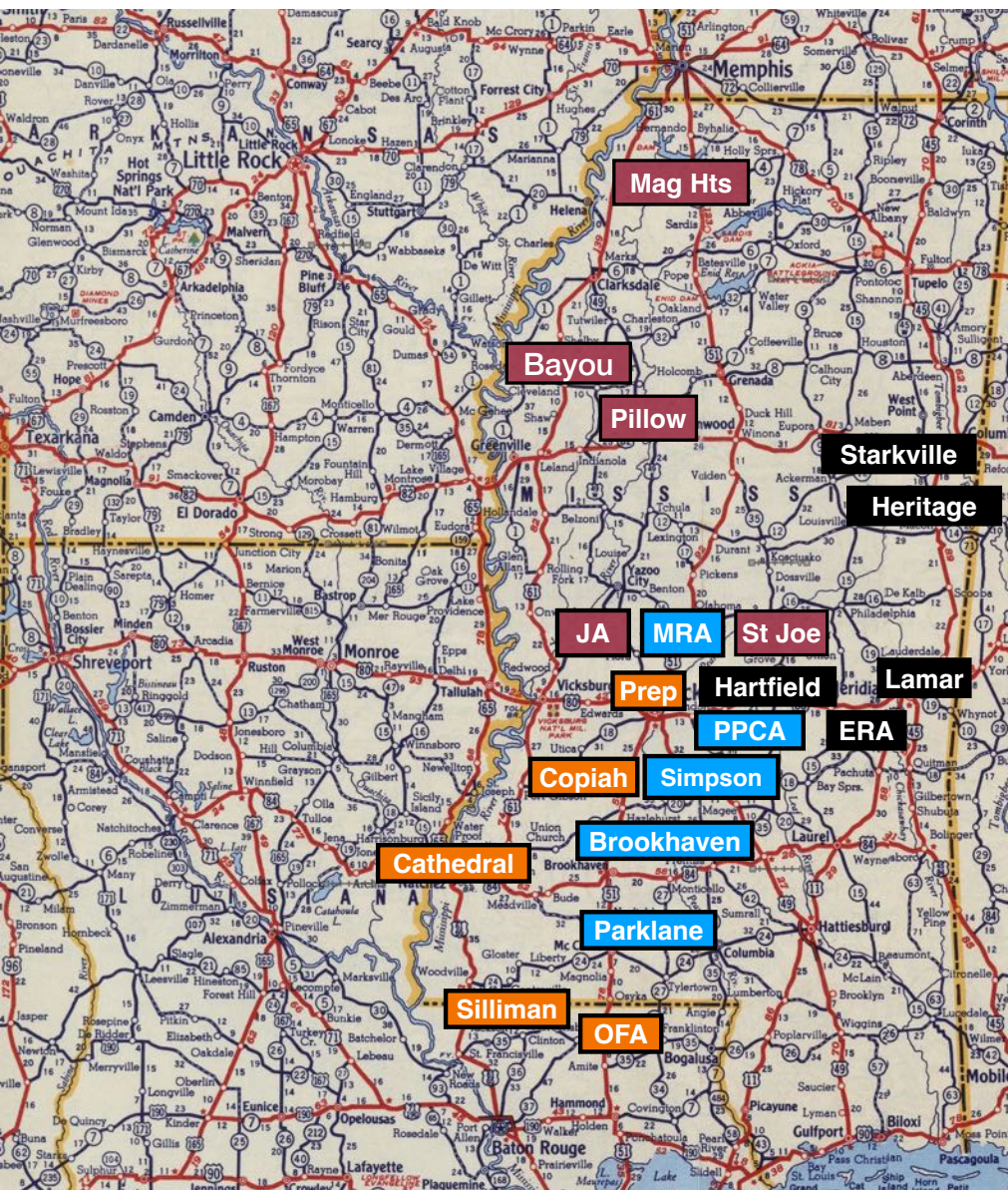
District 2

District 4

Playoff Structure - Within Class 4A there will be 1 championship using the following guidelines:

All Class 4A archers will compete against each other for the championship.





## Volleyball Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

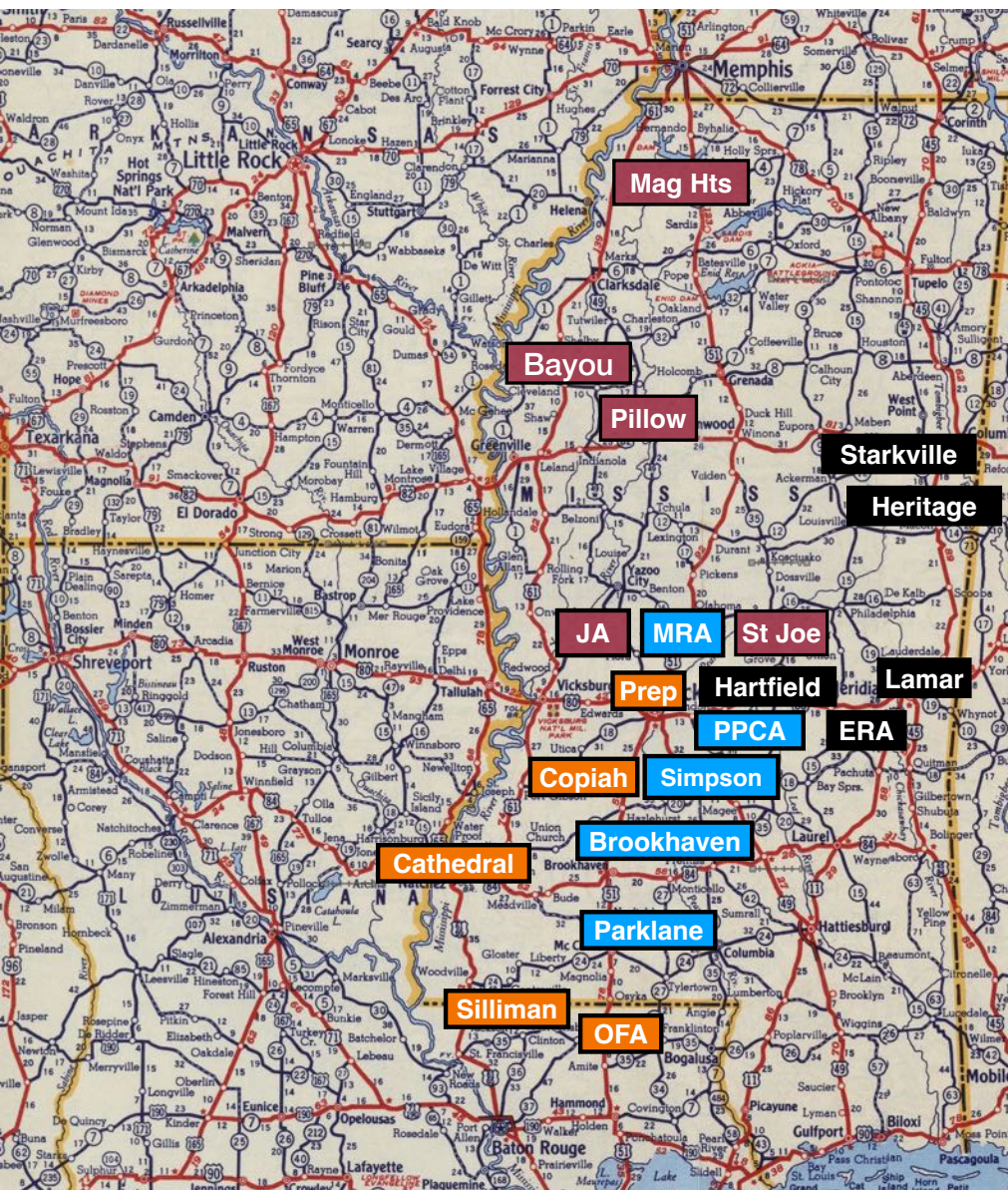
All Class 4A teams will play a home-away schedule in their assigned volleyball district for seeding purposes. \*

The #1 seeds from each district will advance to the Division I Tournament.

The #2 seeds from each district will advance to the Division II Tournament.

The Director of Athletics may adjust districts as needed based on teams participating and geographical location.





## Swimming Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

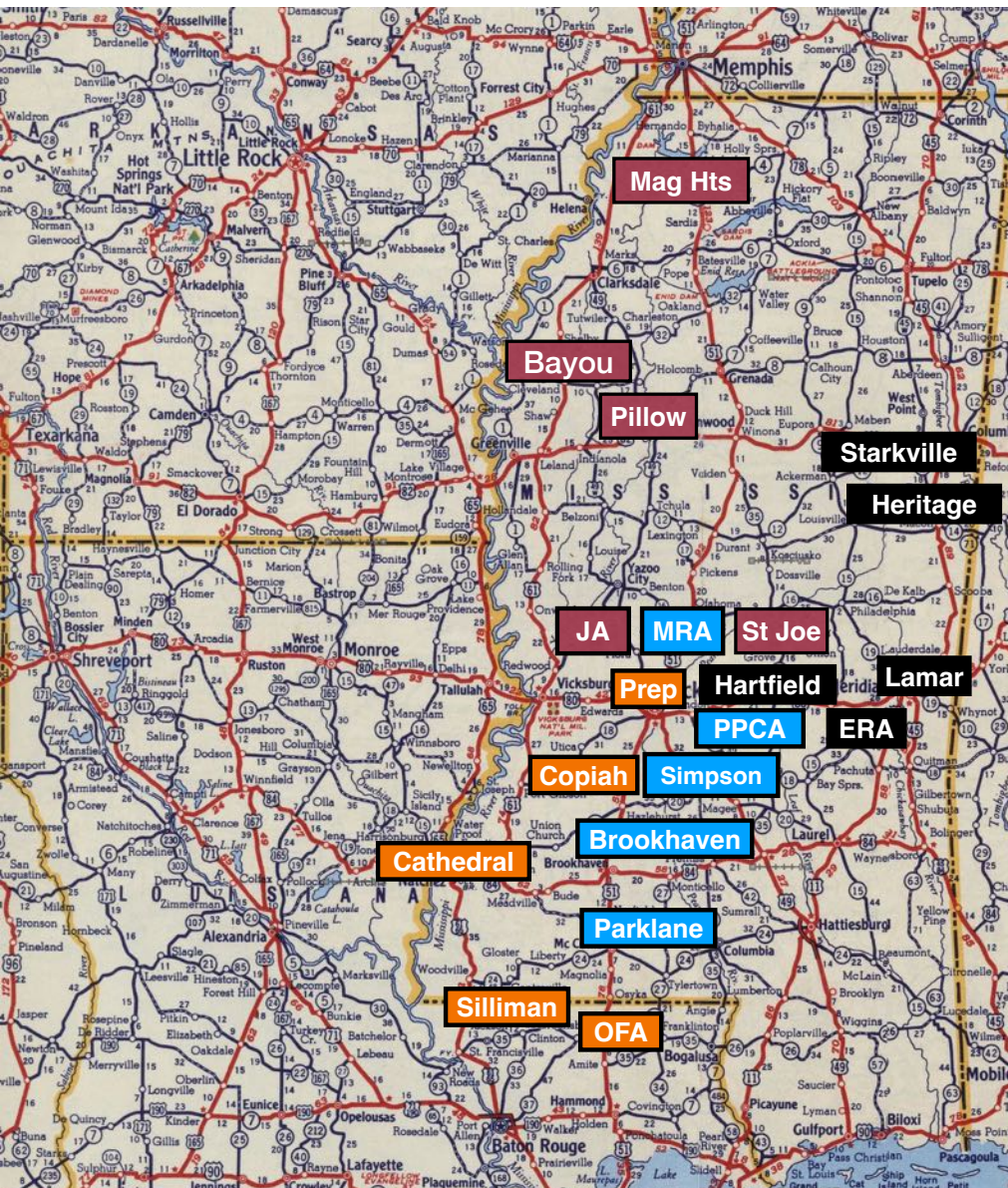
**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

Because of the number of teams participating, there will only be one open meet in which all schools participate for one trophy. All-Sports points will be awarded by class from the results.





## Cheer-Dance Class 4A 20 Schools

District 1

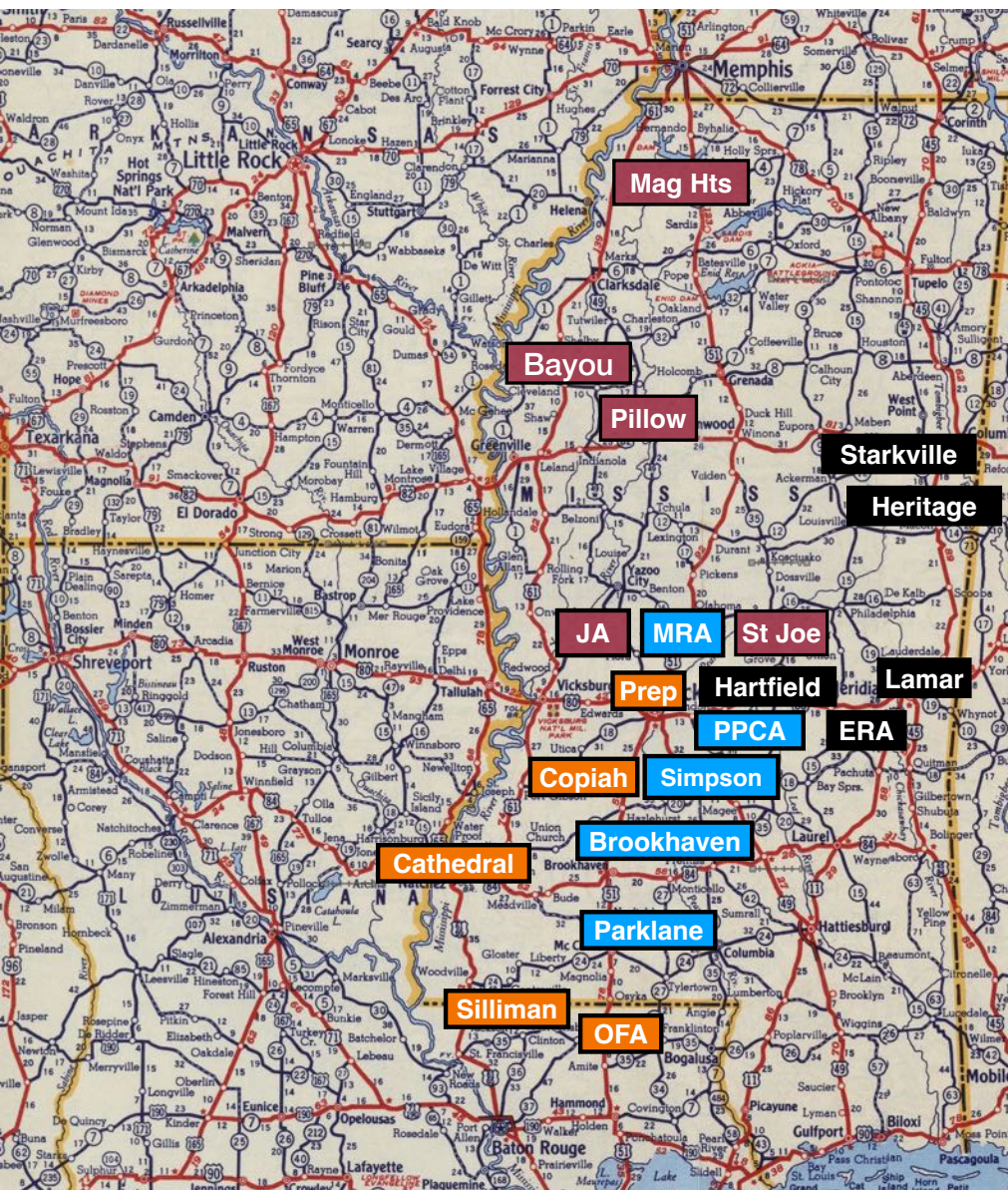
District 3

District 2

District 4

Cheer / Dance will be governed by the same rules we are currently using.





## Cross Country Class 4A 20 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

**District 4**

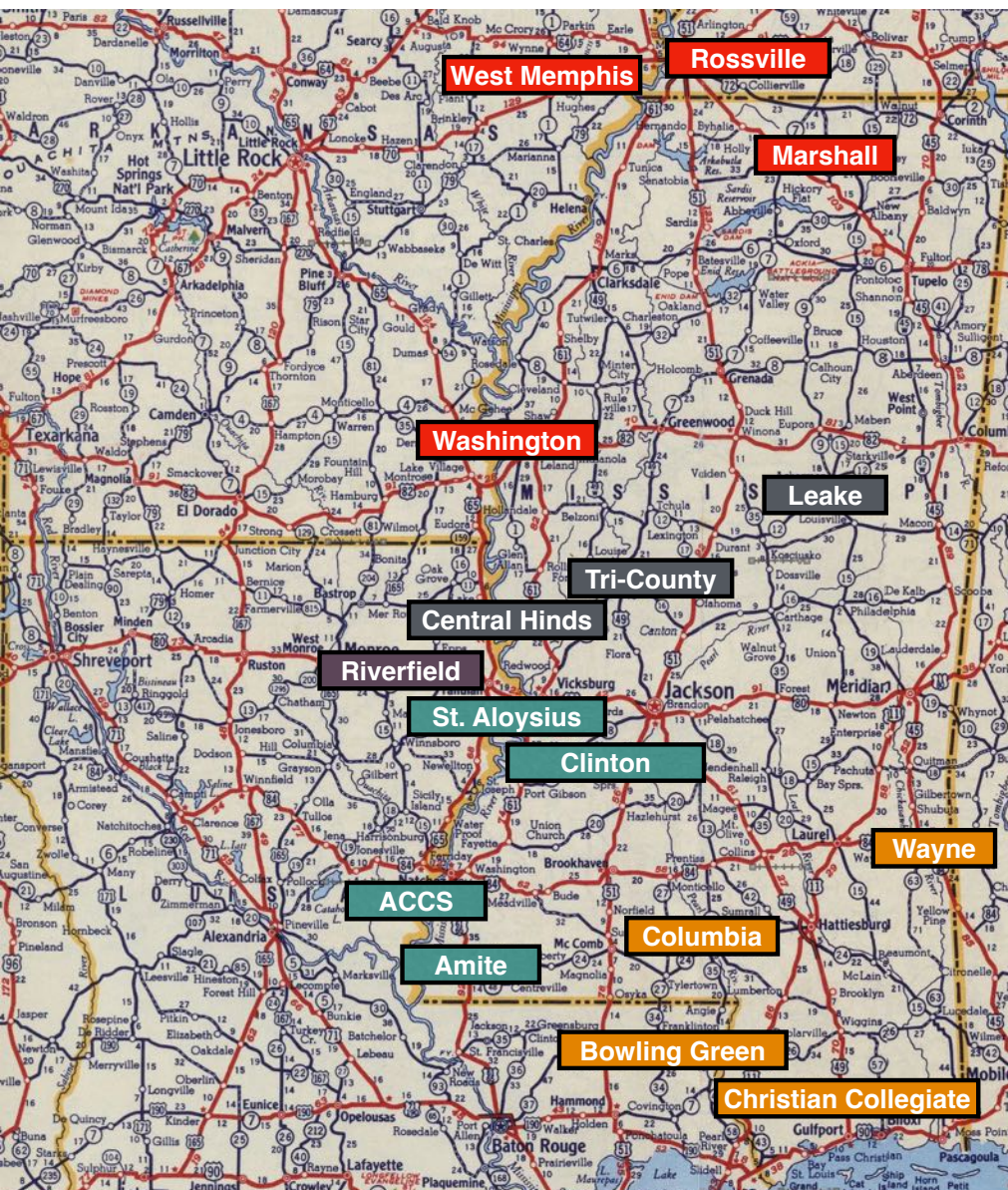
Each district will determine a team cross country champion for their district. All participants from said champion from each district will qualify to advance to the Division I Cross County Meet.

All of the participants from the 4 remaining schools in each district qualify to advance to the Division II Cross Country Meet.









## 11-Man Football Class 3A Next 16 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

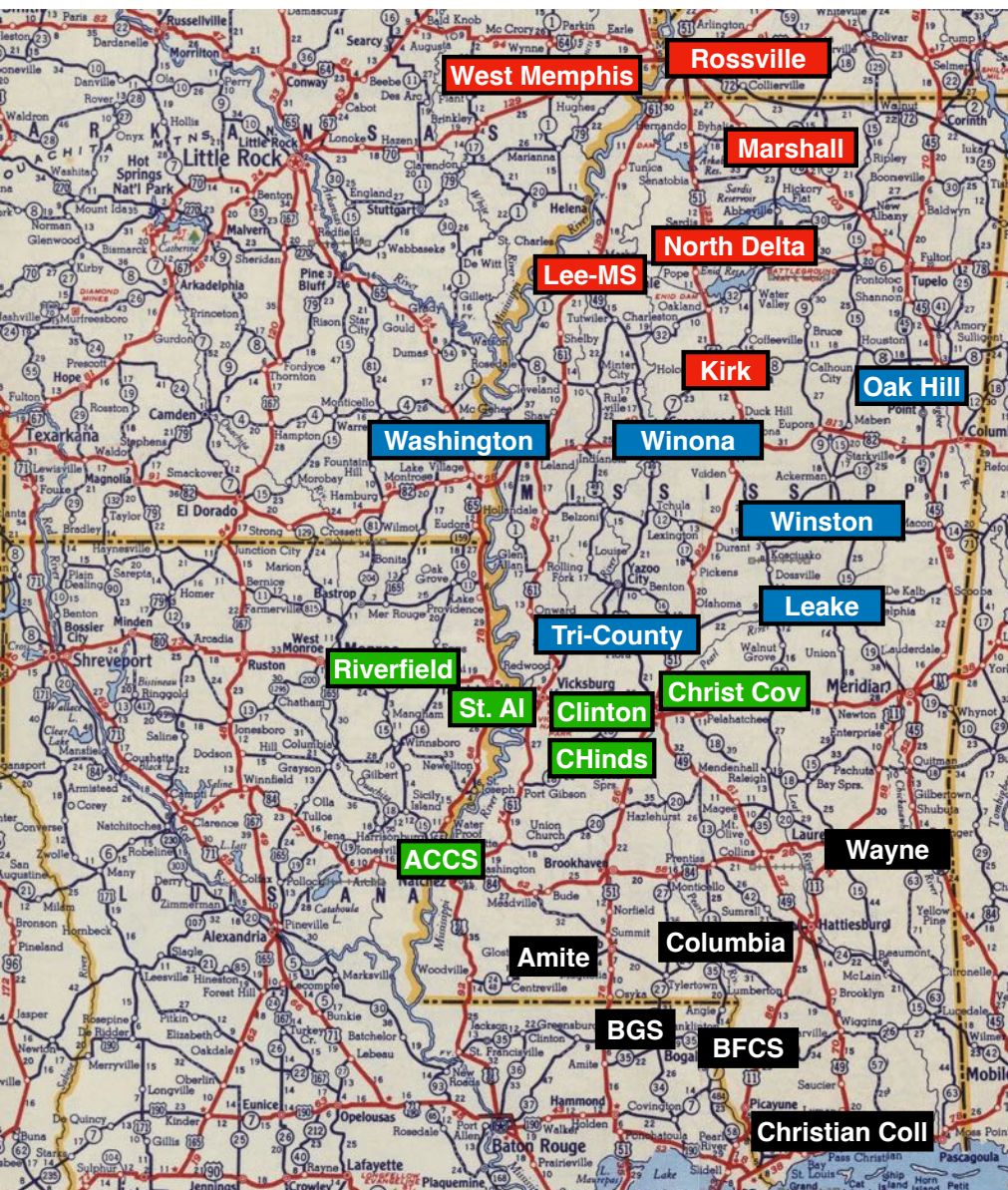
**District 4**

Playoff Structure - Within Class 3A there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Division I Championship - Two week playoff between the four teams that have highest power point averages in Class 3A.

Division II Championship - Three week playoff between the teams that have the next 8 highest power point averages in Class 3A.





## Basketball Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

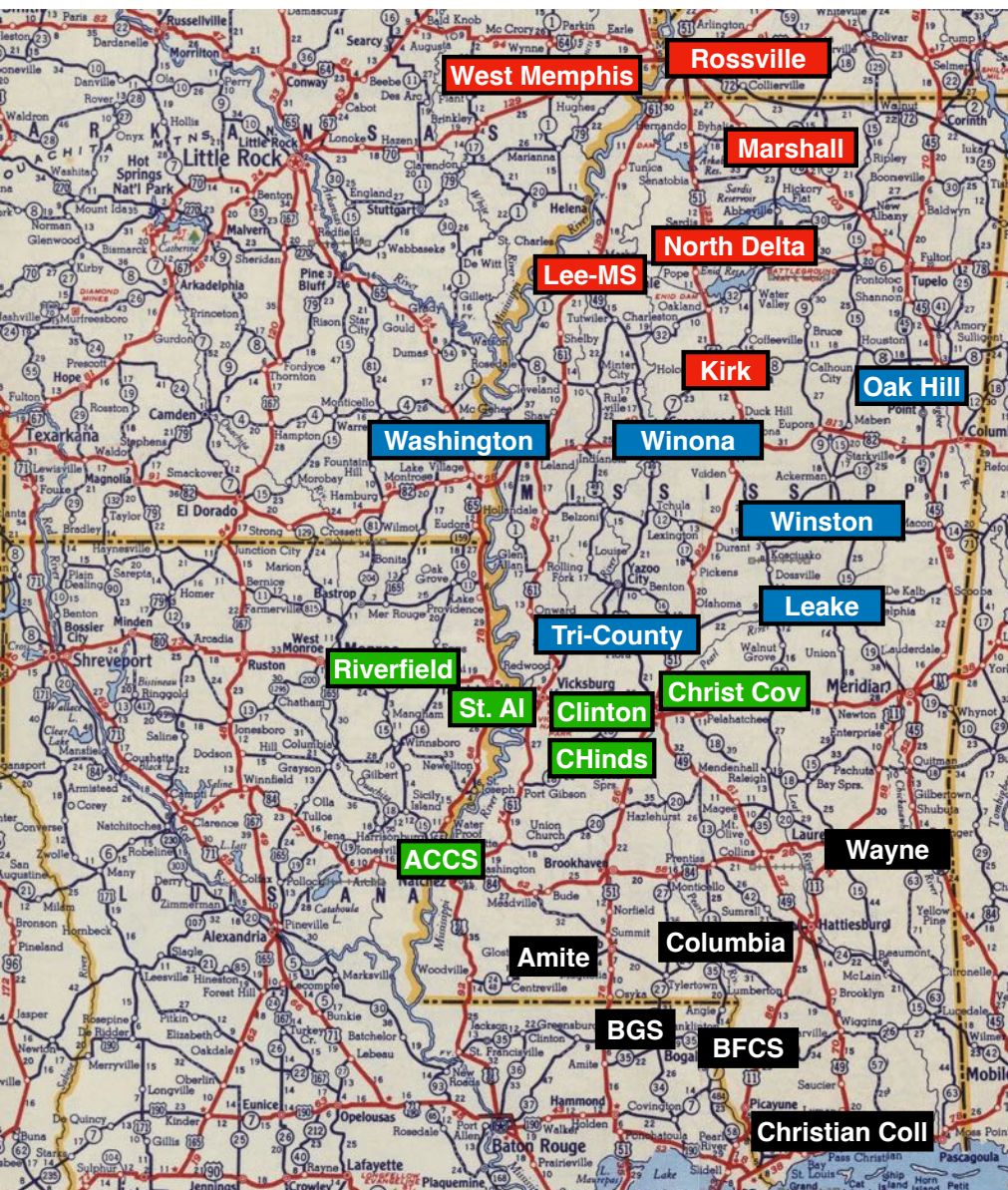
Within Class 3A there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Top four teams from each district will advance to a regional tournament. North (Districts 1 & 2) / South (Districts 3 & 4).

The top 2 teams from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division I Tournament.

The #3 and #4 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division II Tournament.





## Baseball Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

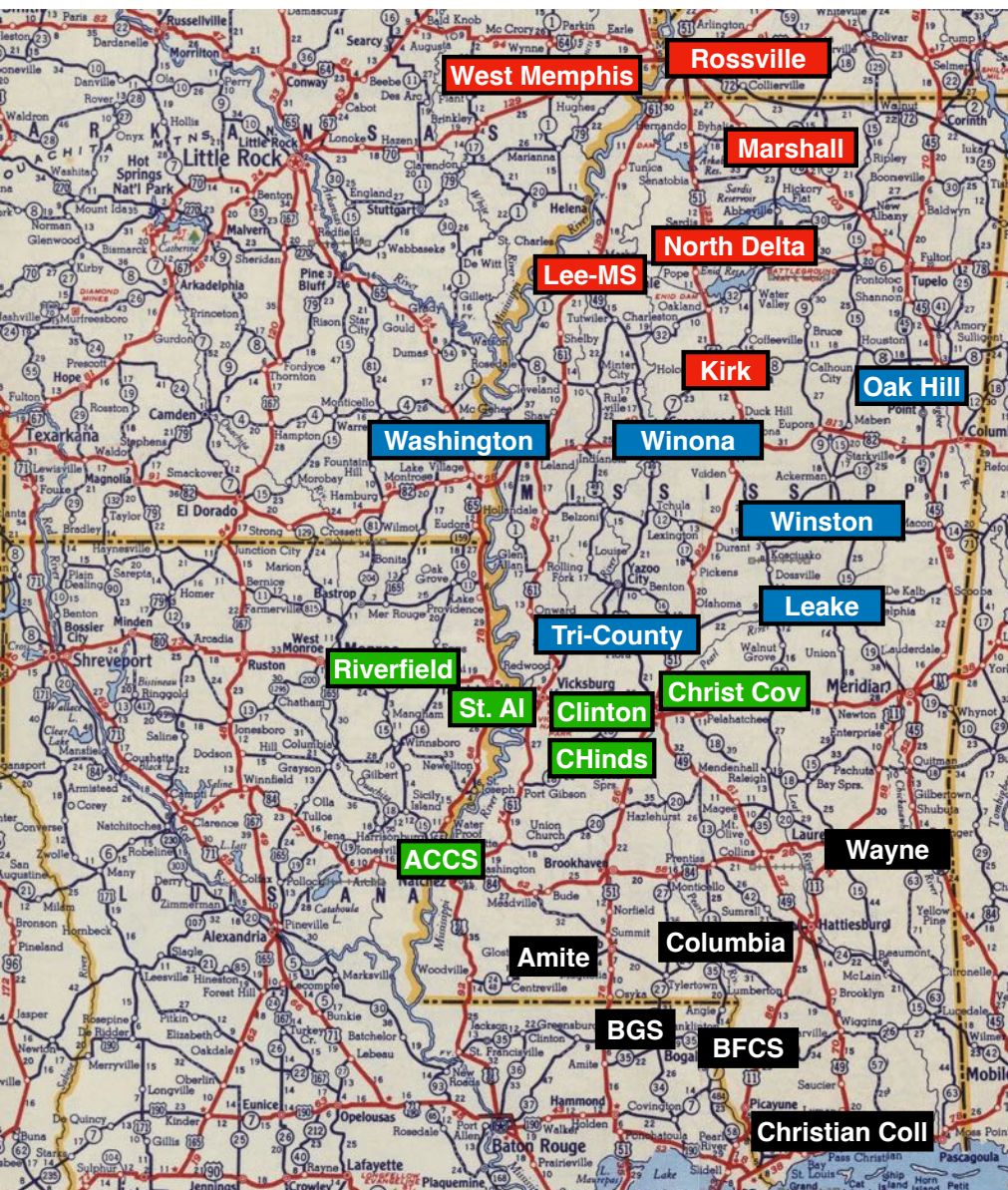
**District 4**

Within Class 3A there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Division I Championship - 8 team playoff between the #1 and #2 seeds from each district.

Division II Championship - 8 team playoff between the #3 and #4 seeds from each district.





## Fast-Pitch Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

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**District 3**

**District 4**

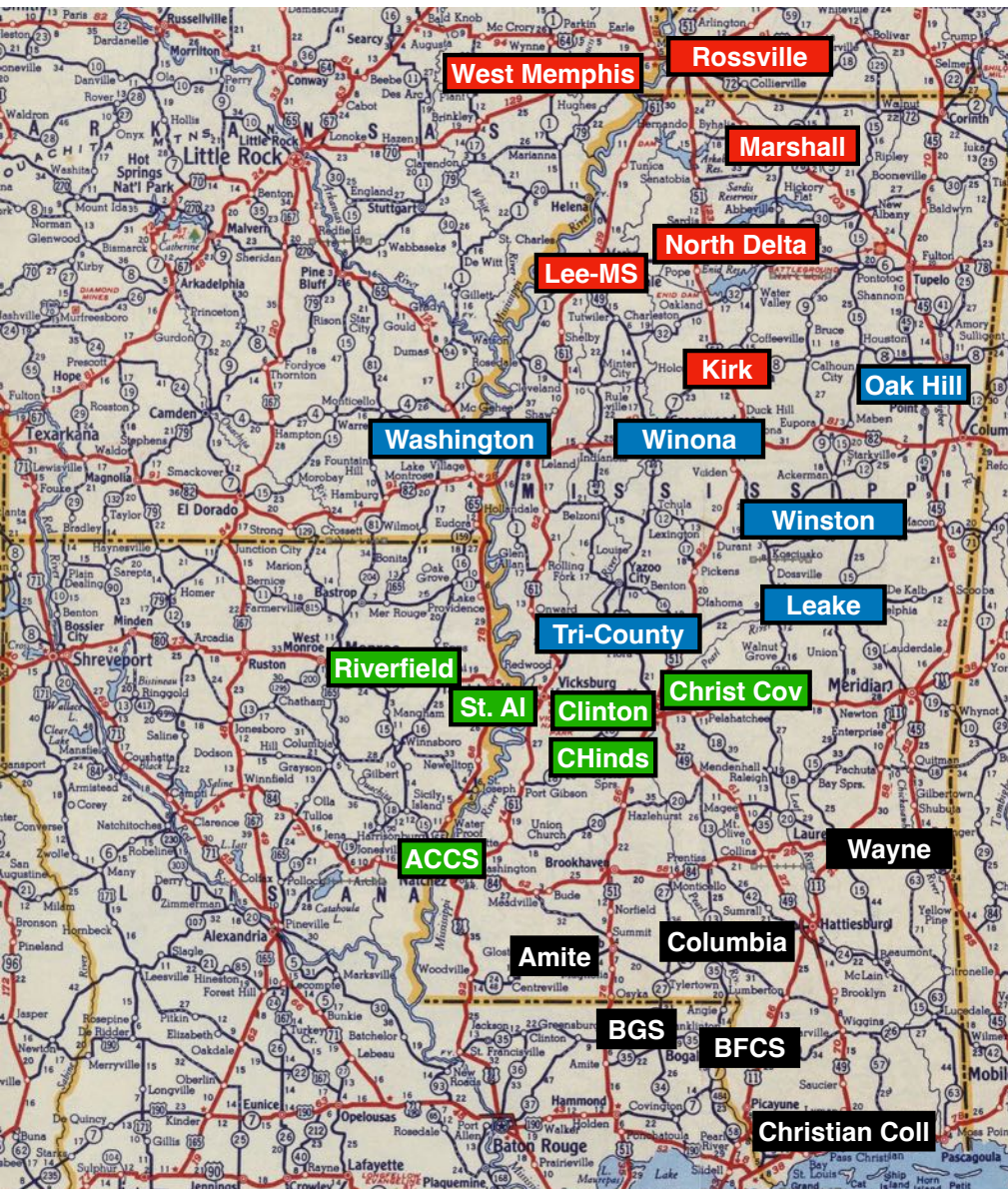
Within Class 3A there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Top four teams from each district will advance to a regional tournament. North (Districts 1 & 2) / South (Districts 3 & 4).

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The #3 and #4 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division II Tournament.





## Soccer Class 3A Next 24 Schools

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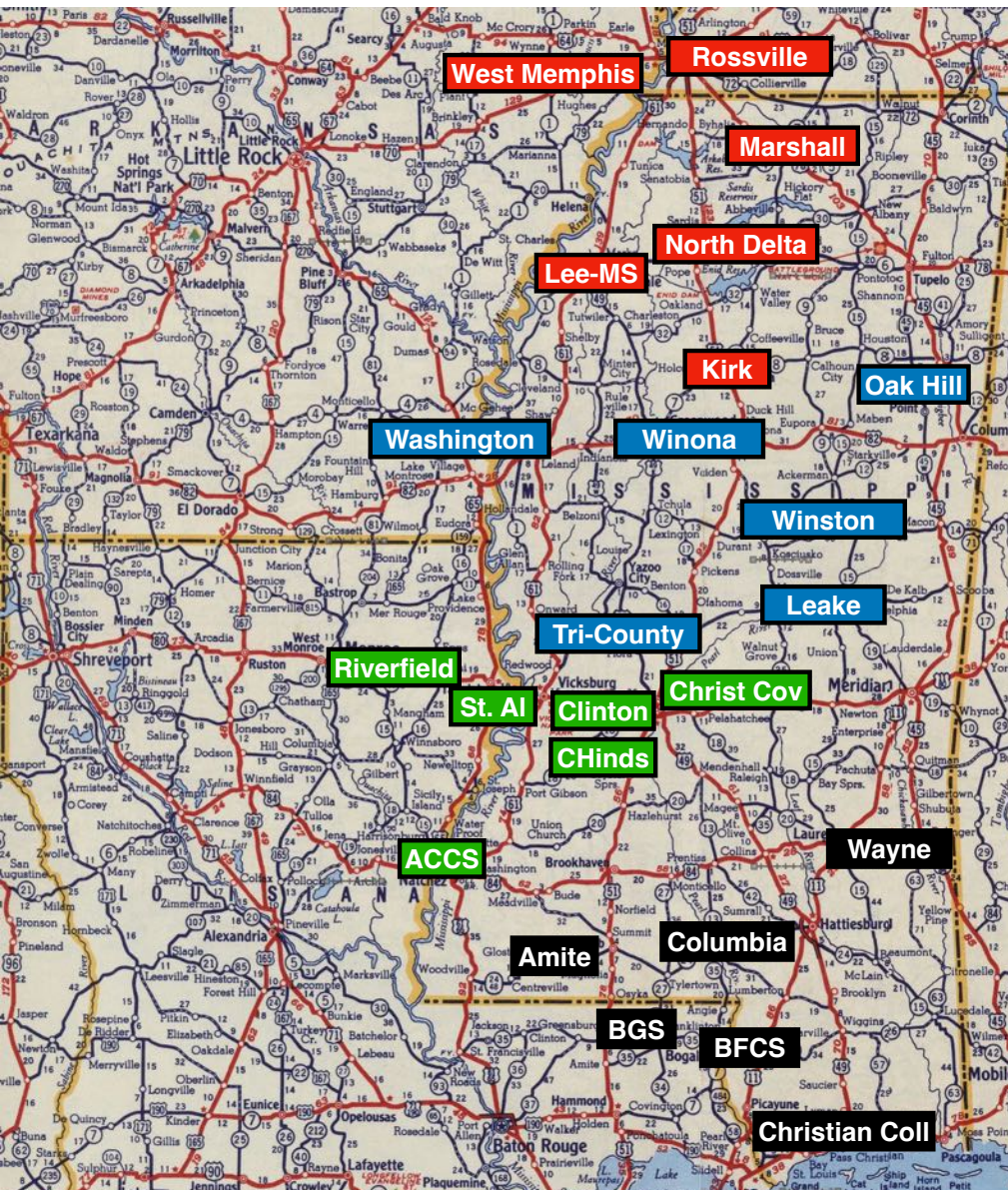
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

Schools in Classes 1A-3A will make up a single division for soccer. The Director of Athletics will divide the schools in this division into districts as needed.





## Tennis Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

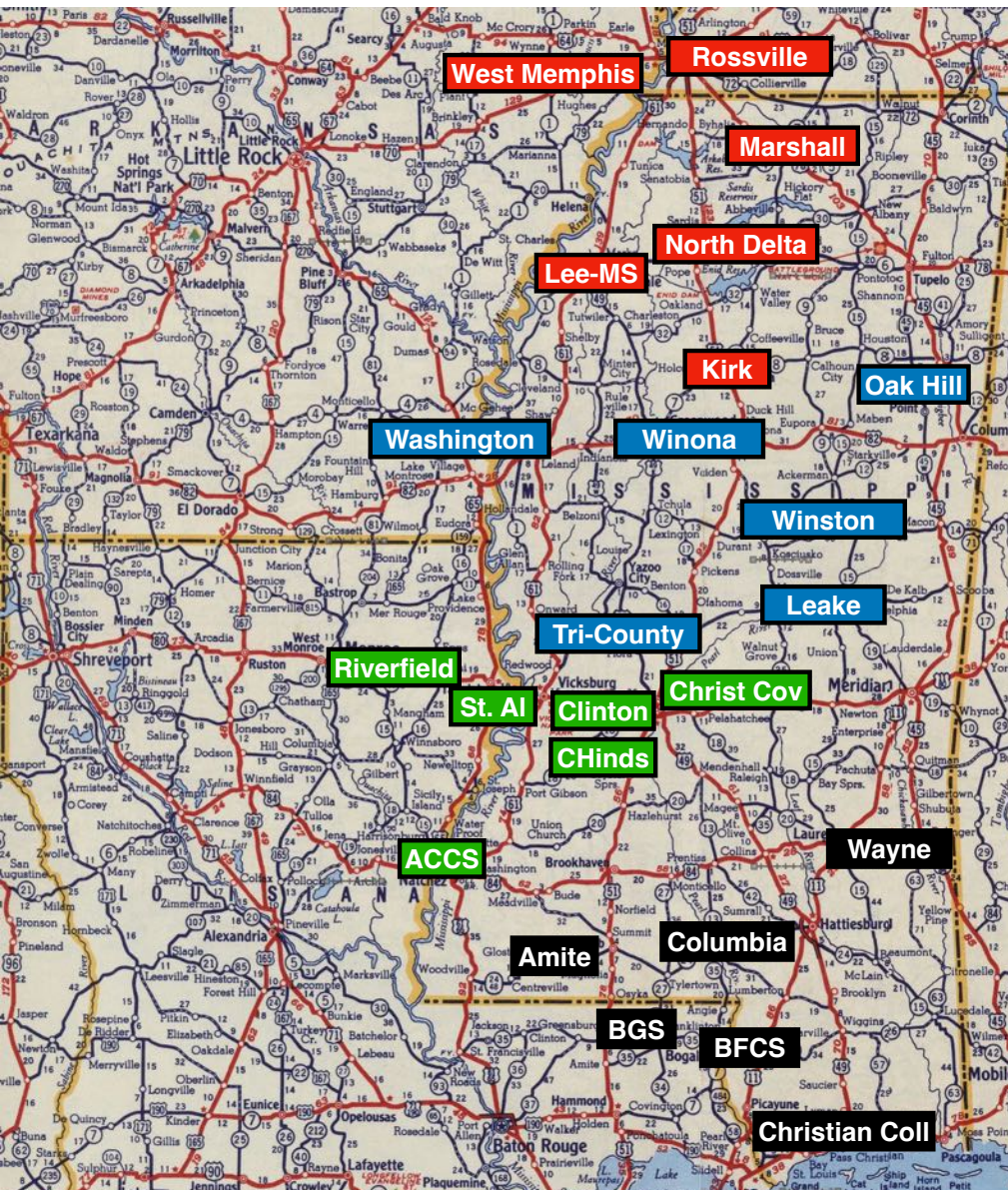
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

There will be one open tennis match for Class 3A schools. The Director of Athletics will determine if there are enough participants to require qualifying regional matches.





## Golf Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

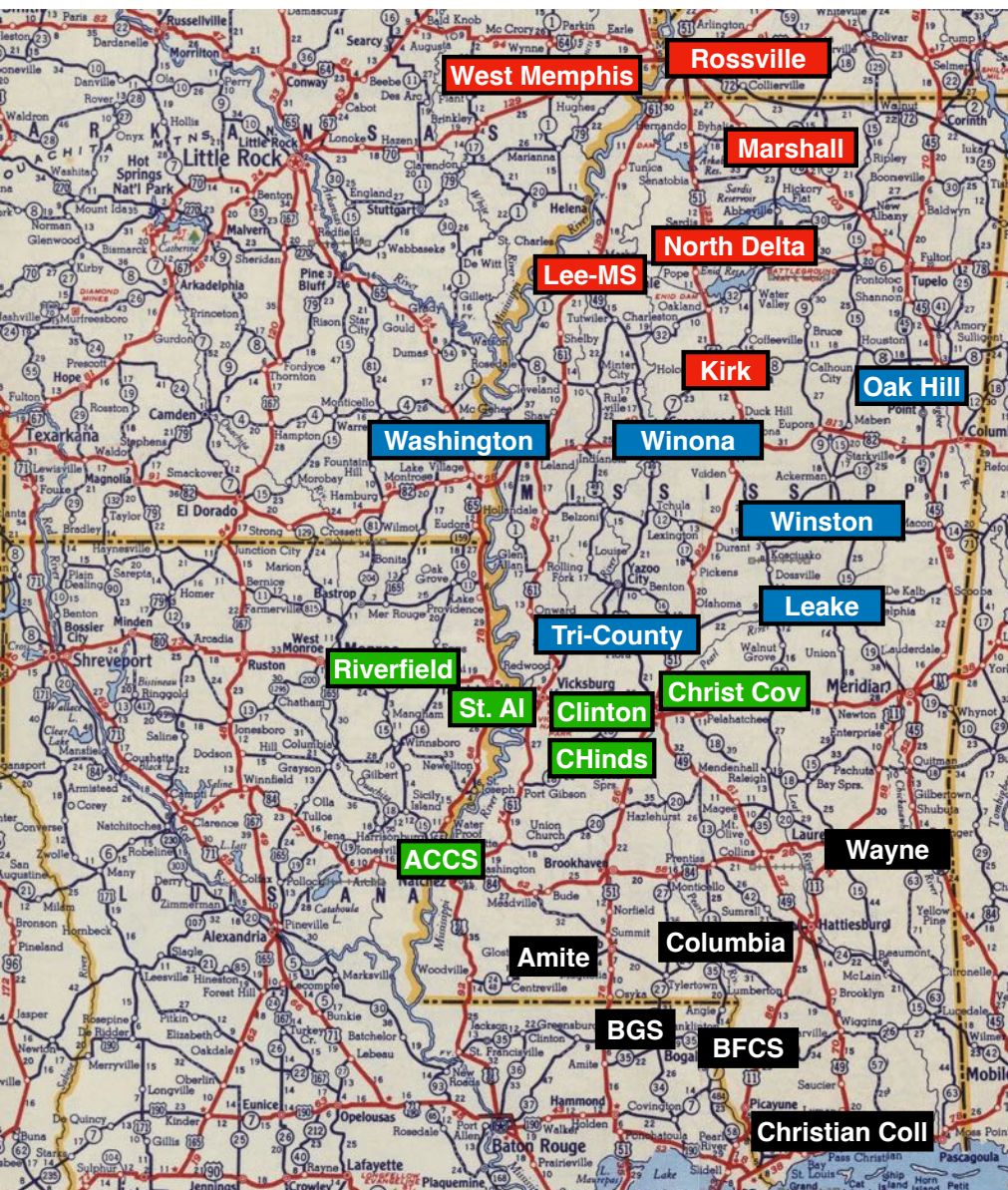
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

There will be one open golf match for Class 3A schools. The Director of Athletics will determine if there are enough participants to require qualifying regional matches.





## Track Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

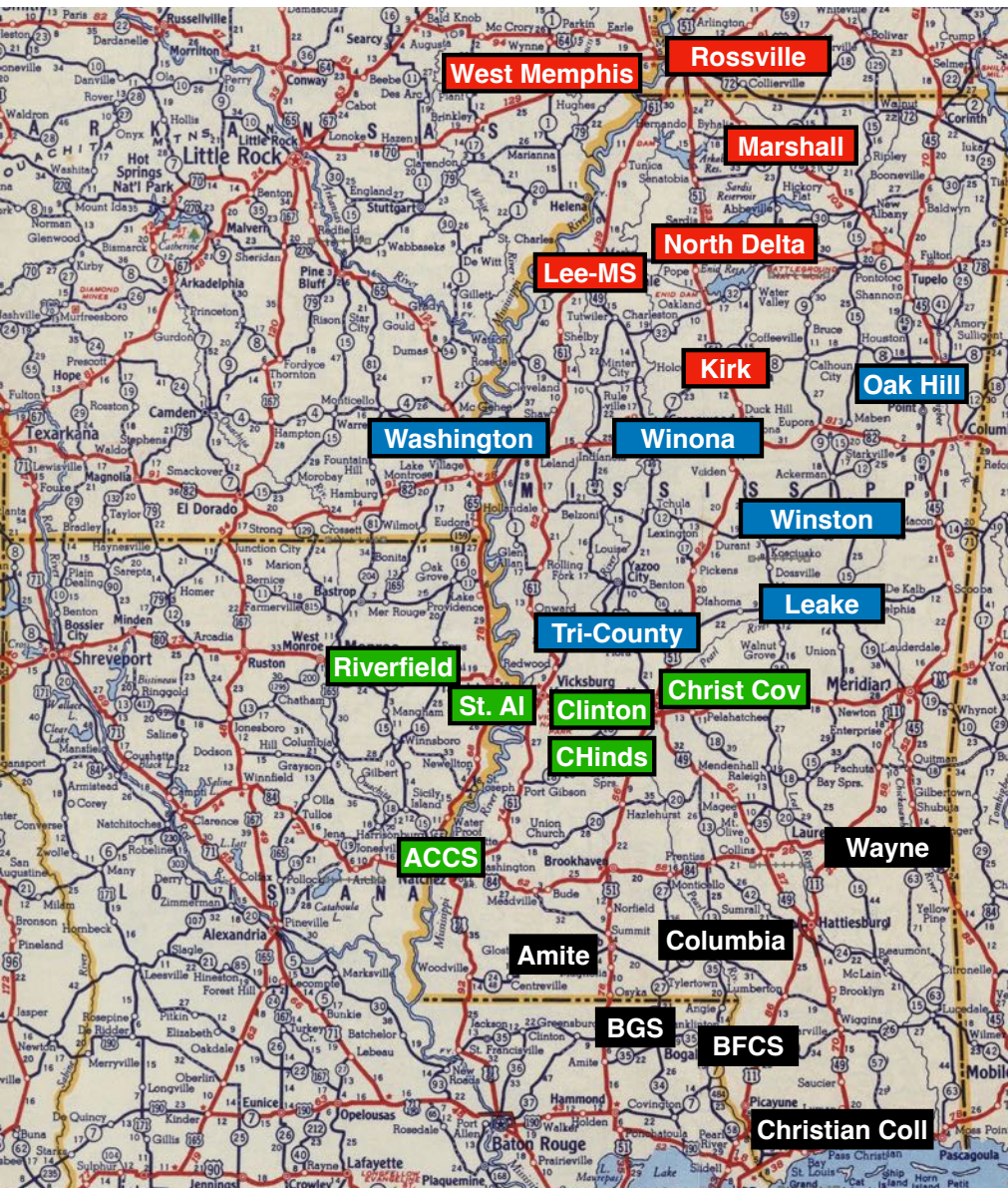
**District 3**

**District 4**

The top 4 finishers from each district meet will advance to their respective regional track meet. District 1 & 2 will advance to the North 3A Track Meet. District 3, & 4 will advance to the South 3A Track Meet.

The top 4 finishers from the regional track meets will advance to the Class 3A Track Meet.





## Archery Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

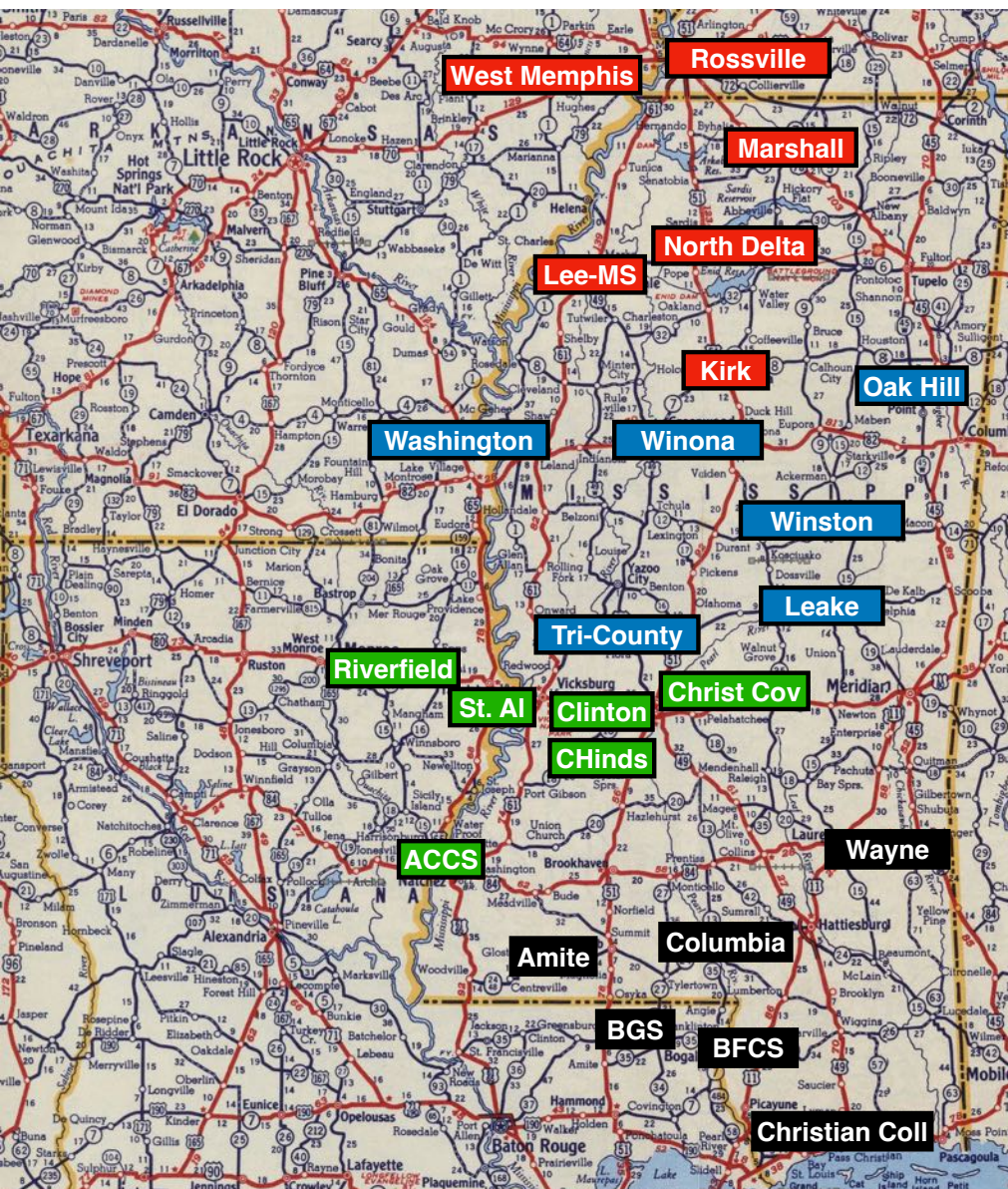
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

There will be an open match for all Class 3A schools for the Class Championship.





## Volleyball Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

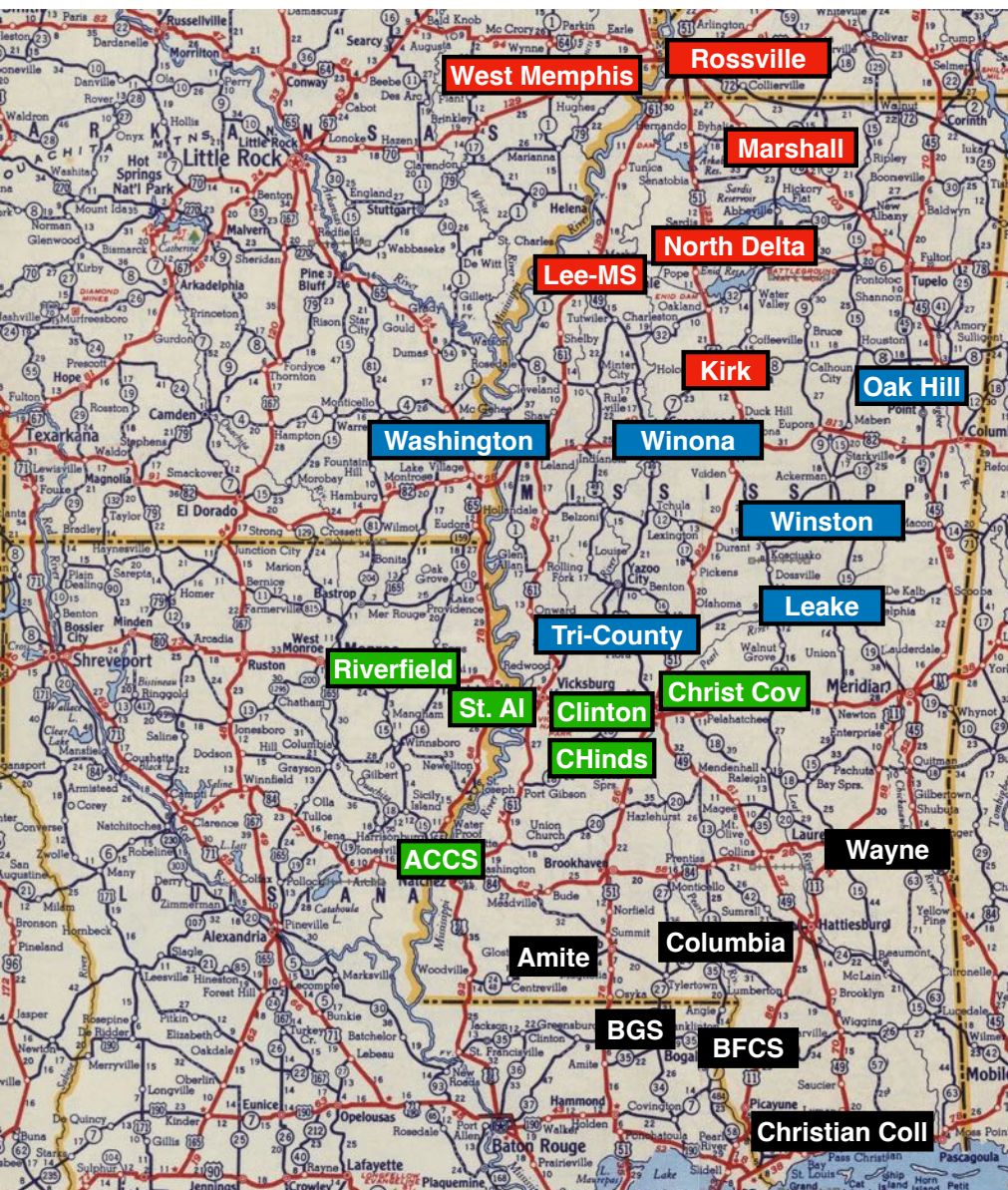
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

Schools in Classes 1A-3A will make up a single division for volleyball. The Director of Athletics will divide the schools in this division into districts as needed.





## Swimming Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

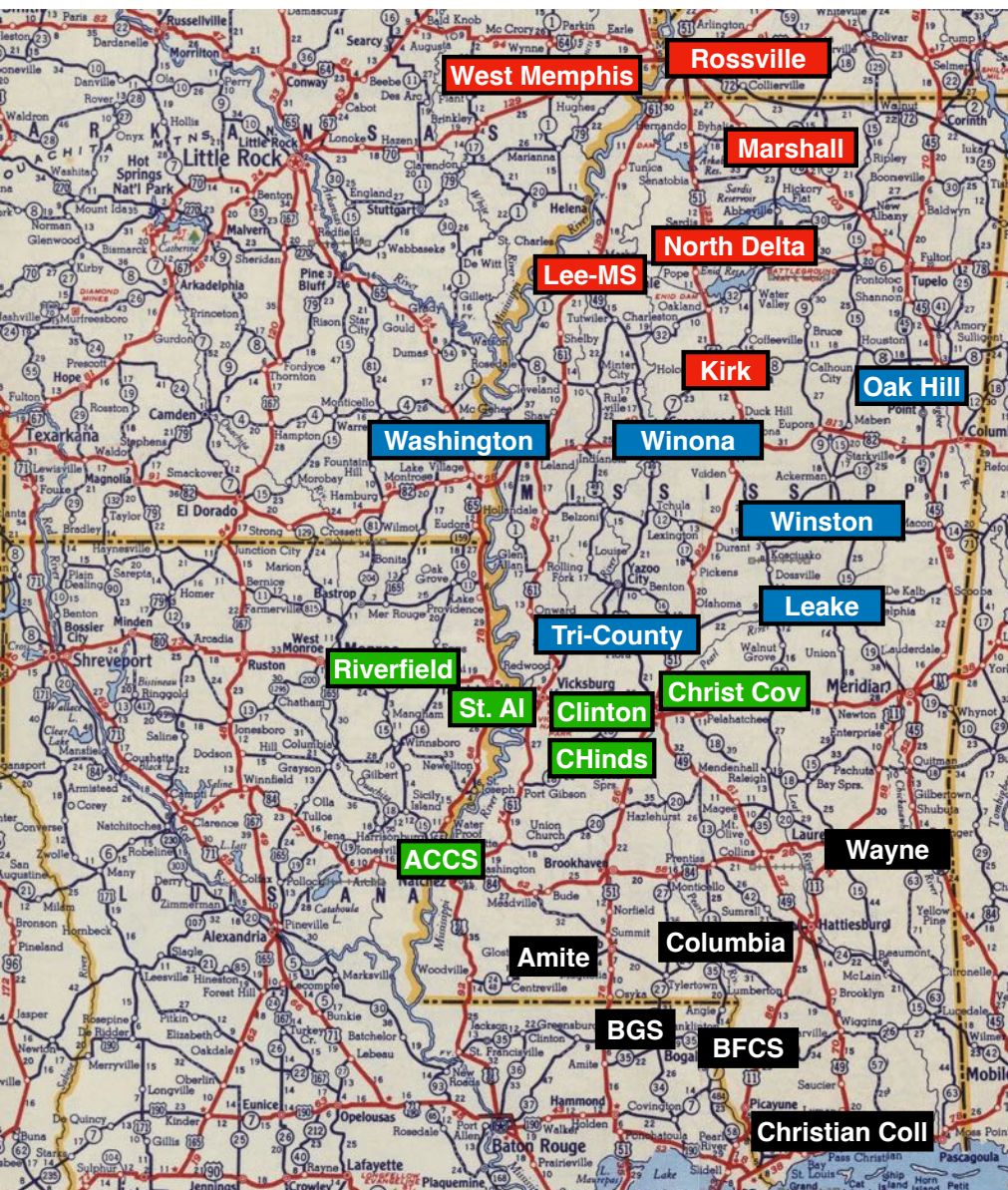
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

Because of the number of teams participating, there will only be one open meet in which all schools participate for one trophy. All-Sports points will be awarded by class from the results.





**Cheer / Dance  
Class 3A  
Next 24 Schools**

**District 1**

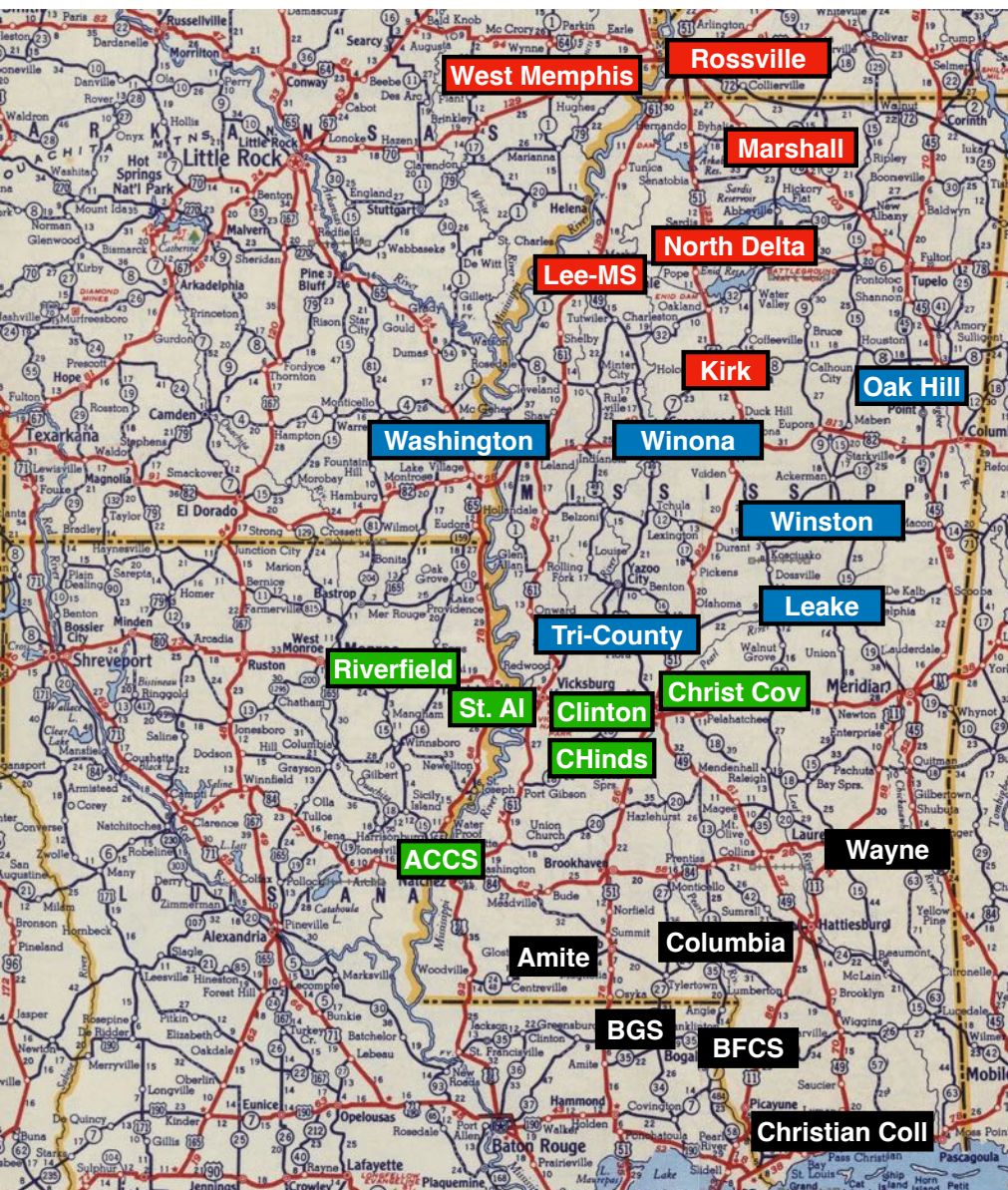
**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

There will be a Division I and Division II Champion based on a format to be determined.





## Cross Country Class 3A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 3**

**District 2**

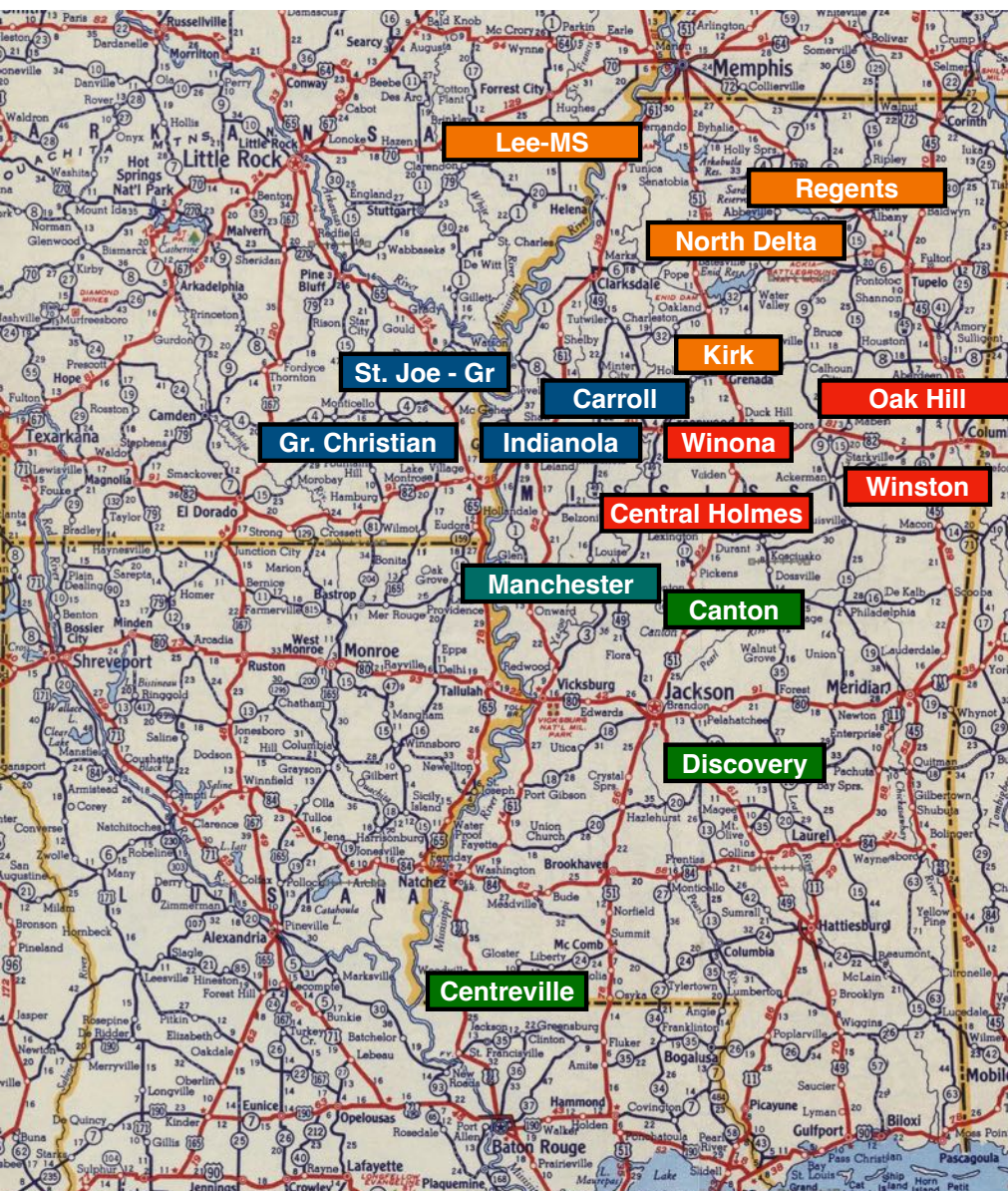
**District 4**

There will be one open meet for Class 3A girls and Class 3A boys where one class champion is awarded as the result of each race.









## 11-Man Football Class 2A Next 16 Schools

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**District 3**

**District 2**

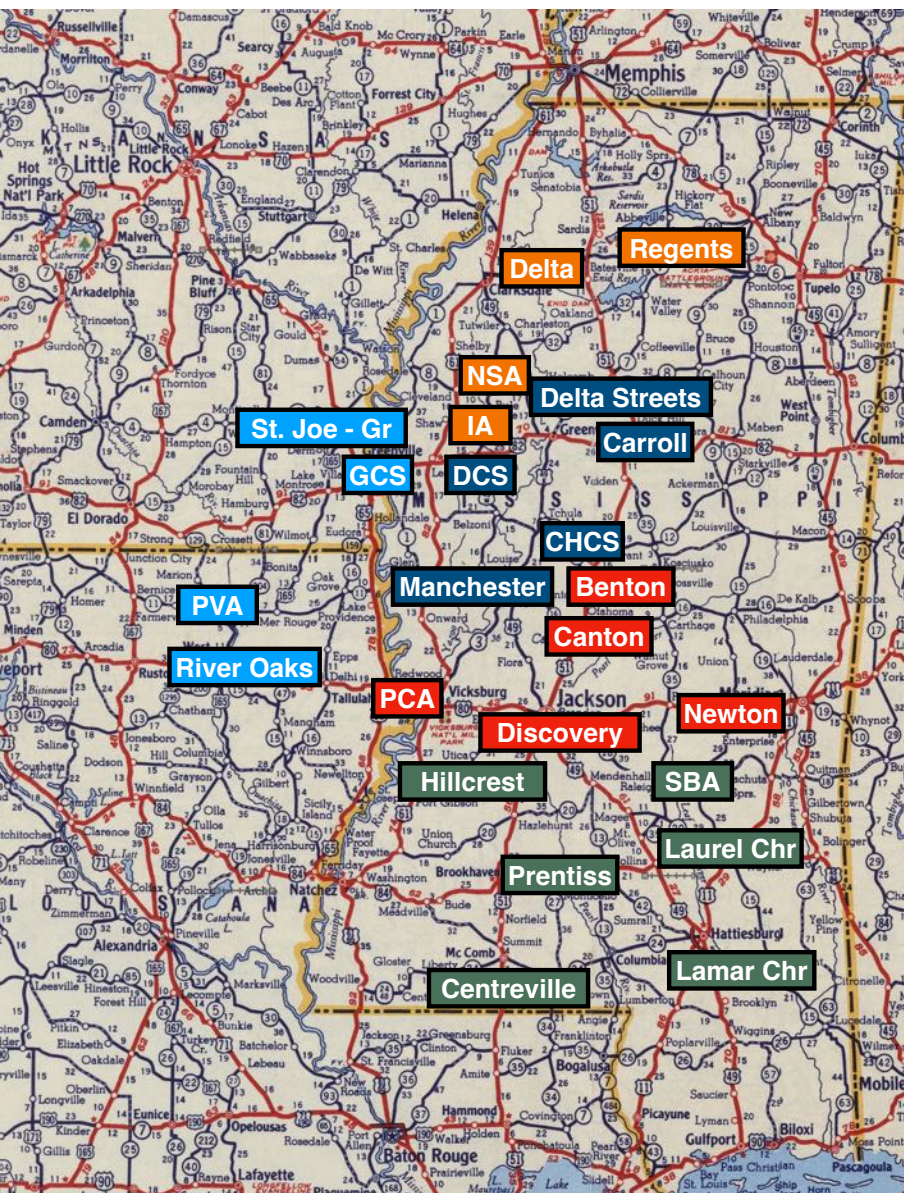
**District 4**

Playoff Structure - Within Class 2A there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Division I - Two week playoff between the teams that have the 4 highest power point averages in Class 2A.

Division II - Three week playoff between the teams that have the next 8 highest power point averages in Class 2A.





## Basketball Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be a Division I and Division II Champion.

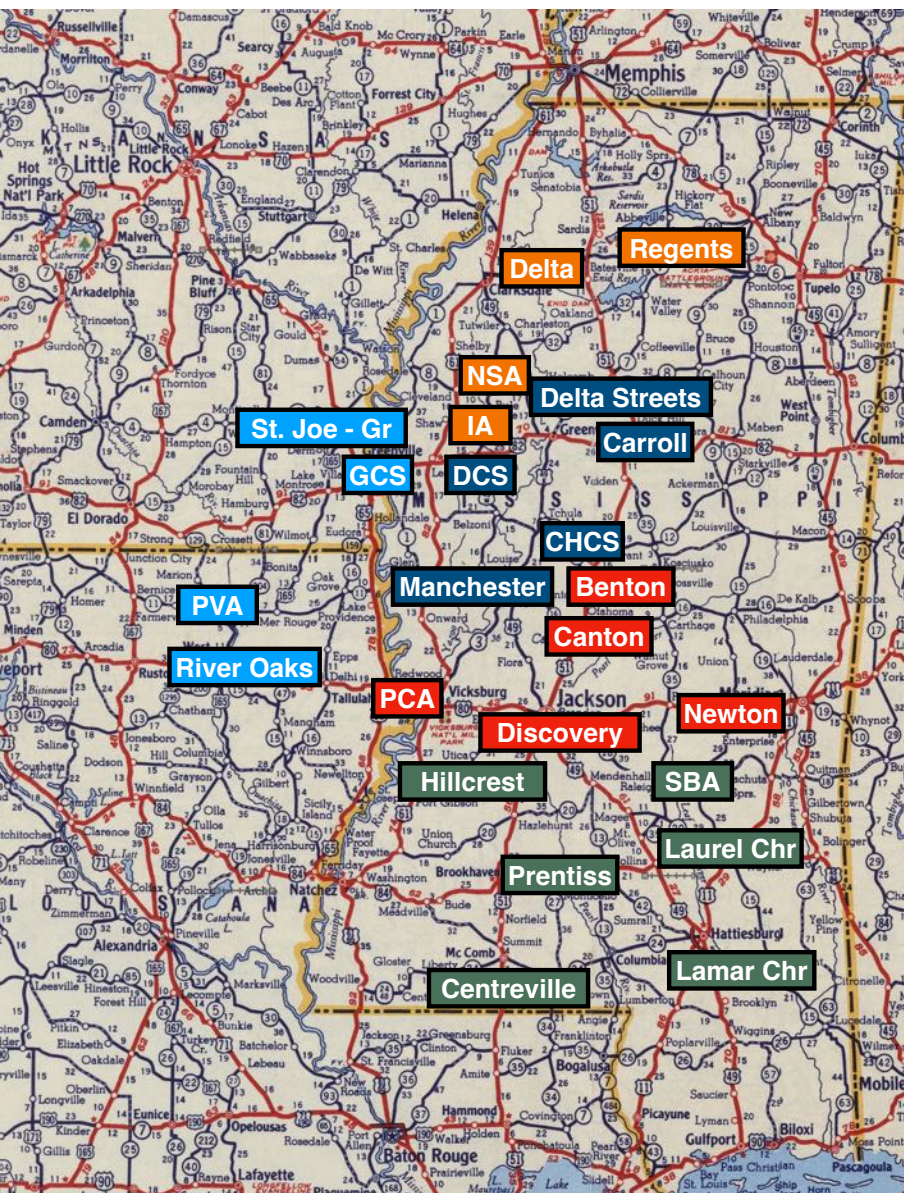
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The top 2 teams from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division I Tournament.

The #3 and #4 finishers from the regional tournaments will advance to the Division II Tournament.

The Division I and Division II Tournaments will be held at the same site.





## Baseball Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

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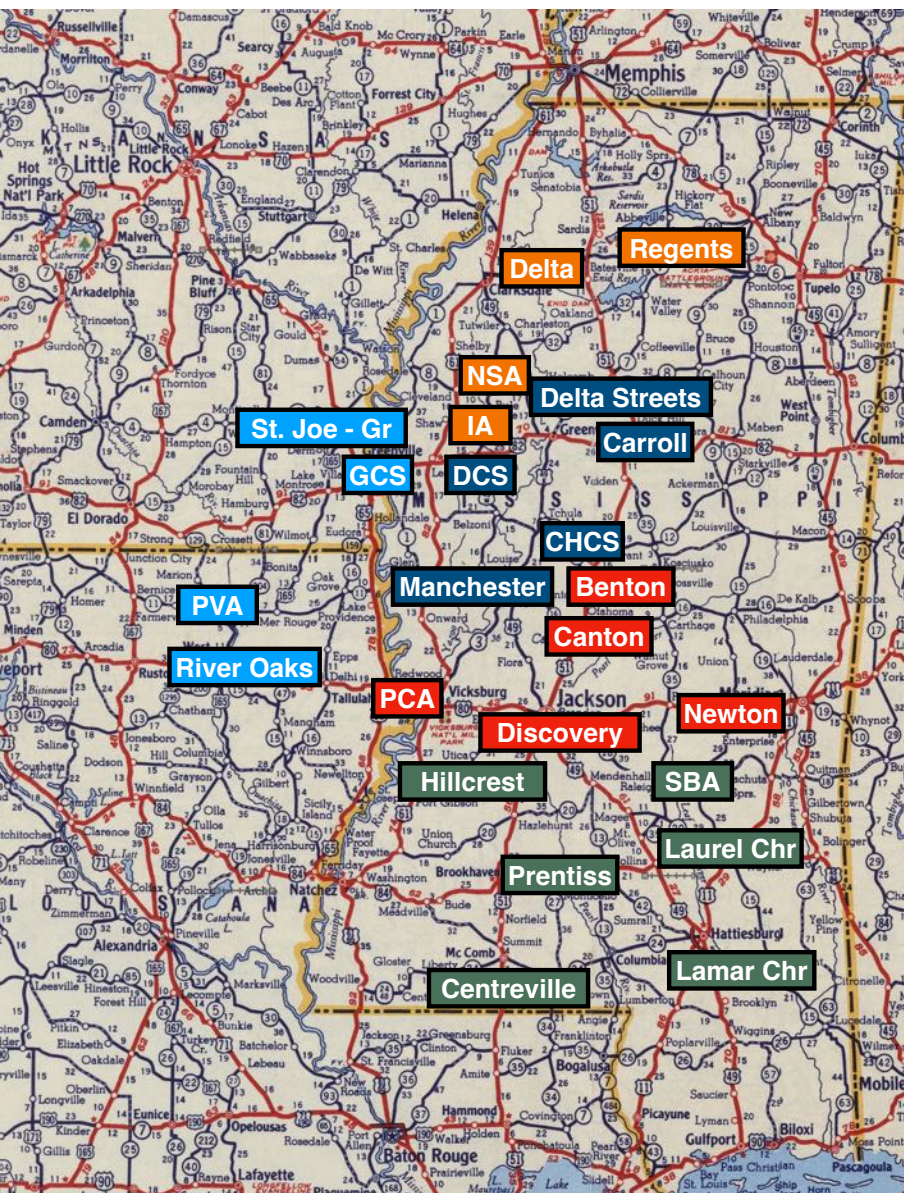
**District 5**

There will be a Division I and Division II Champion.

Division I Championship - 10 team playoff between the #1 and #2 seeds from each district.

Division II Championship - 10 team playoff between the #3 and #4 seeds.





## Fast-Pitch Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

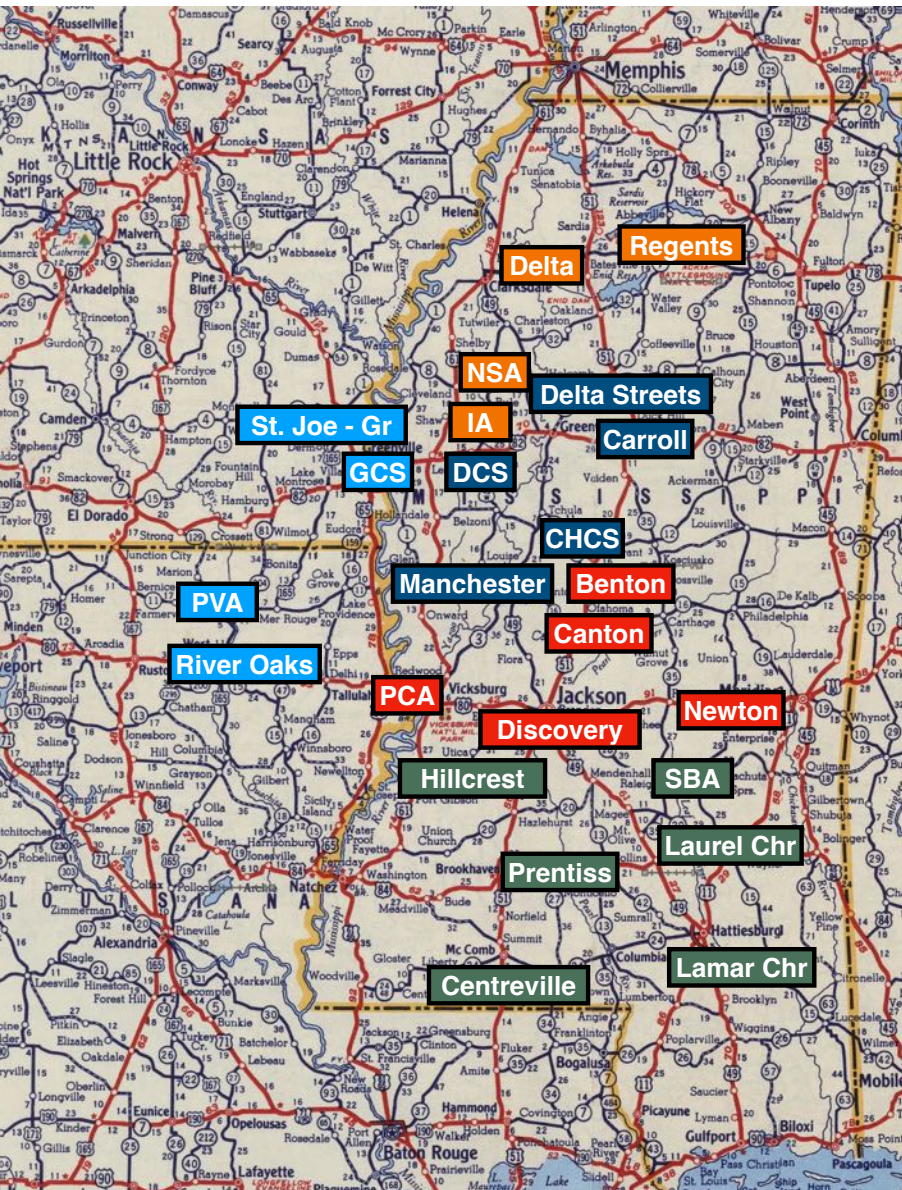
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## Soccer Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

Schools in Classes 1A-3A will make up a single division for soccer. The Director of Athletics will divide the schools in this division into districts as needed.



## Tennis Class 2A Next 24 Schools

District 1

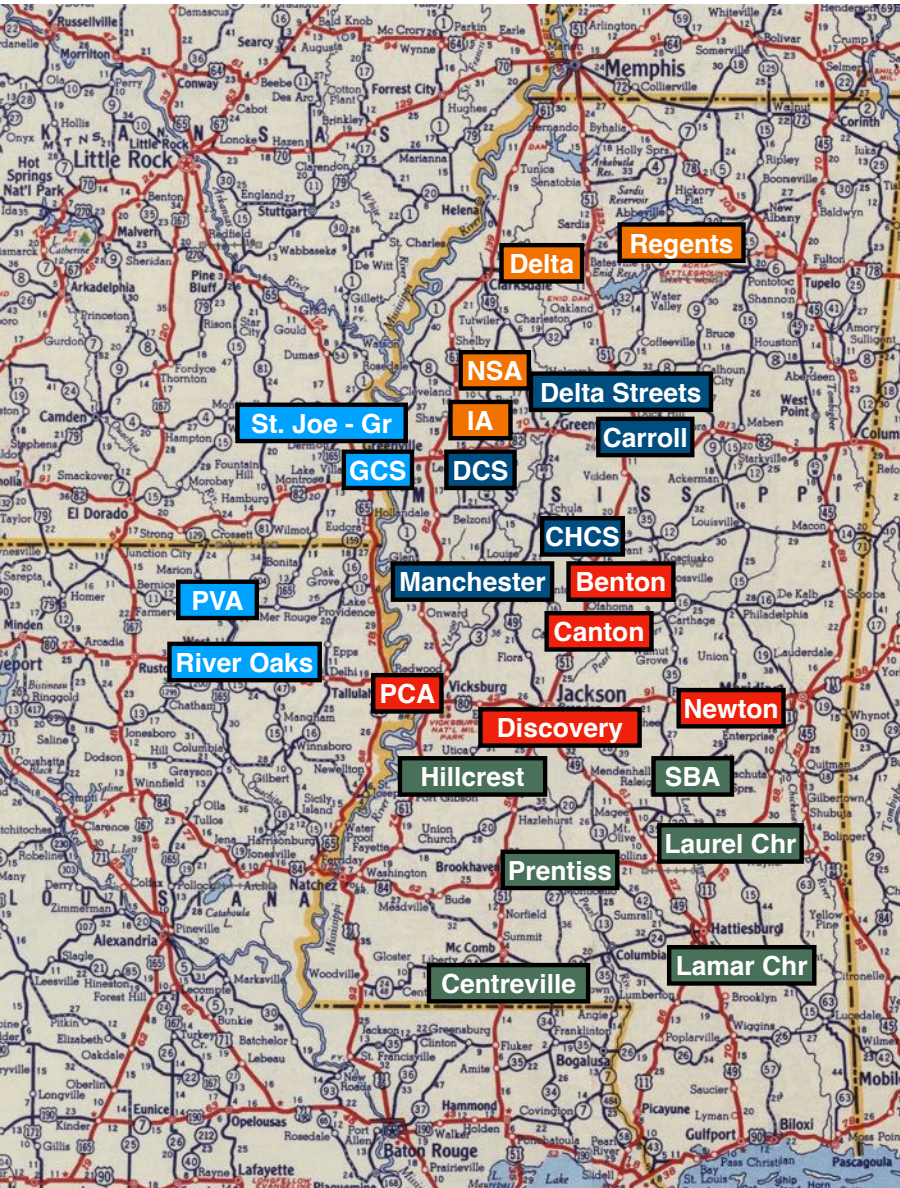
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District 3

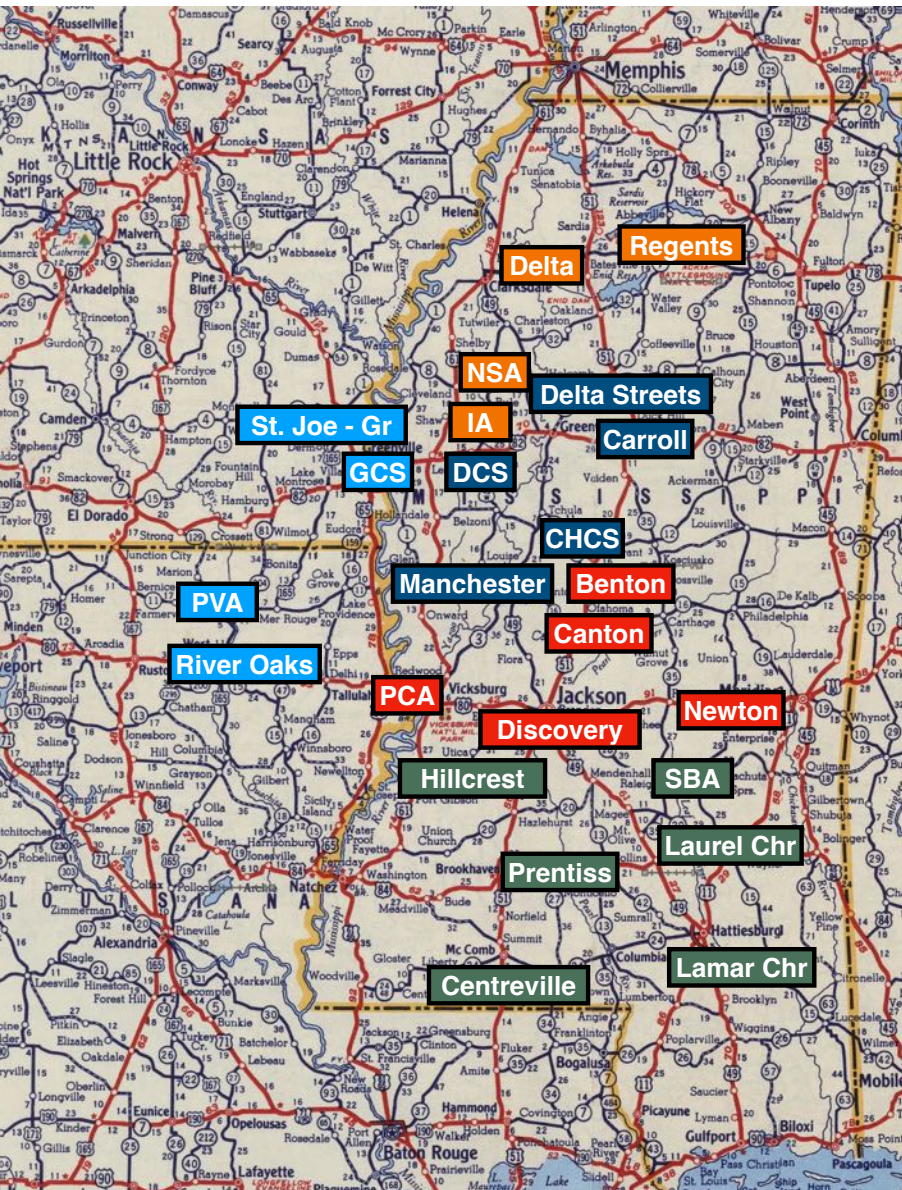
District 4

District 5

There will be one open tennis match for Class 2A schools. The Director of Athletics will determine if there are enough participants to require qualifying regional matches.







## Golf Class 2A Next 24 Schools

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**District 2**

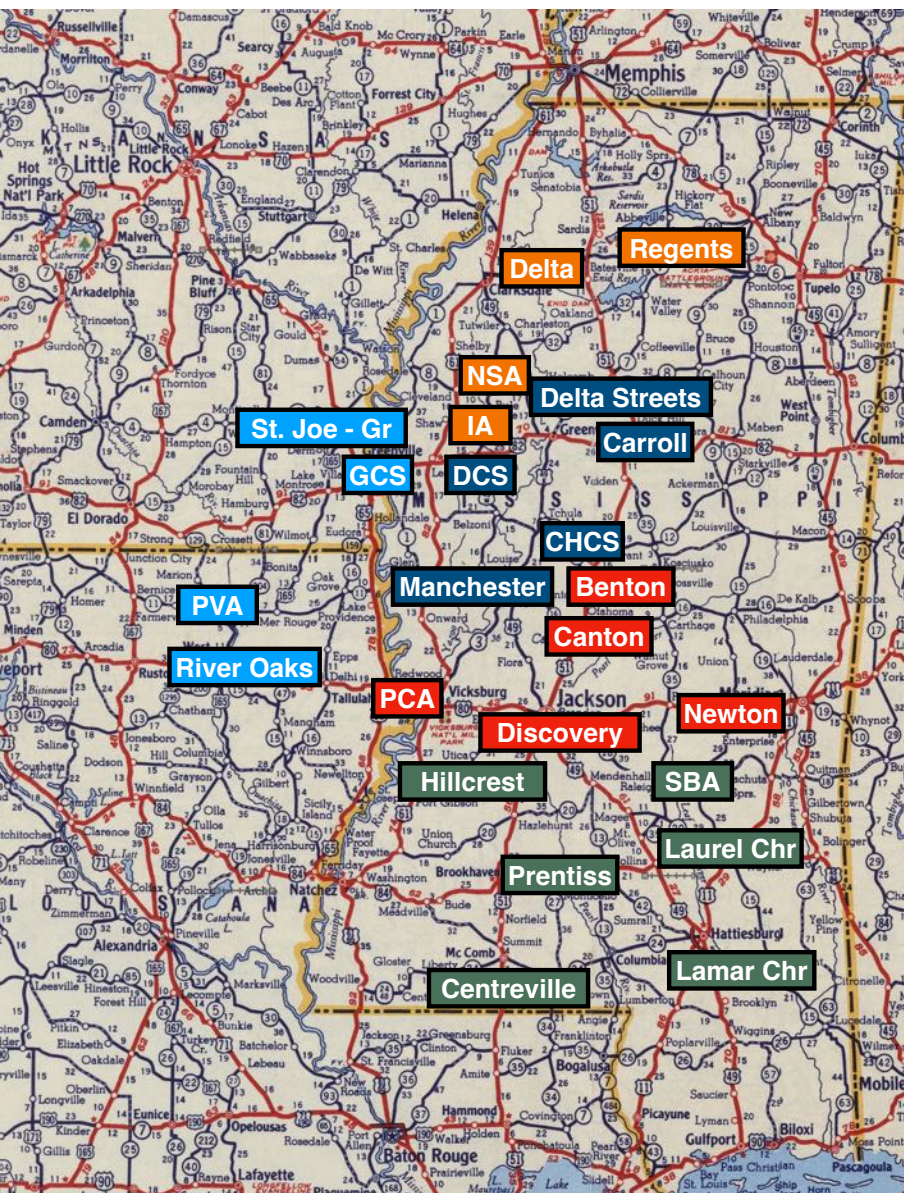
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be one open golf match for Class 2A schools. The Director of Athletics will determine if there are enough participants to require qualifying regional matches.





## Track Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

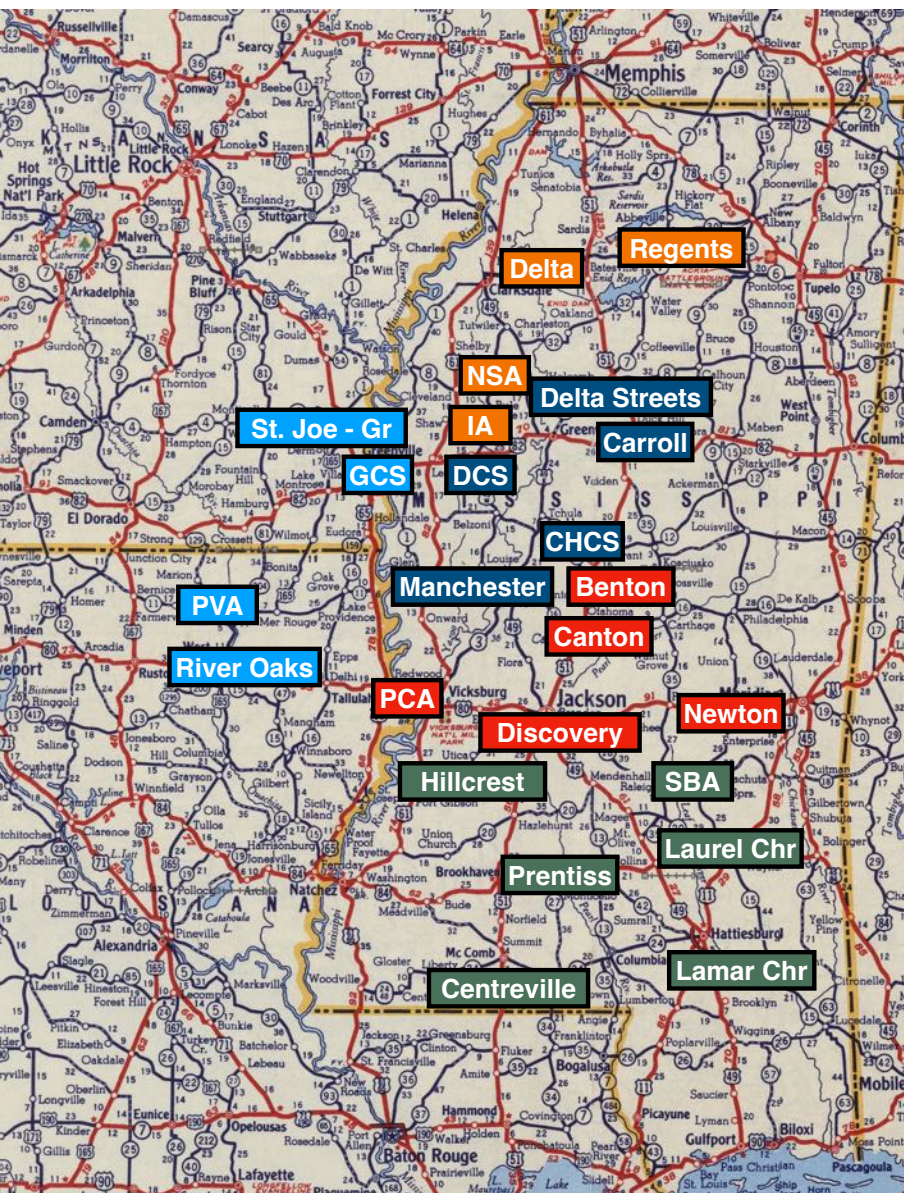
**District 4**

**District 5**

The top 4 finishers from each district meet will advance to their respective regional track meet. Districts 1, 2 & 3 will advance to the North 2A Track Meet. Districts 4 & 5 will advance to the South 2A Track Meet.

The top 4 finishers from the regional track meets will advance to the Class 2A Track Meet.





## Archery Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

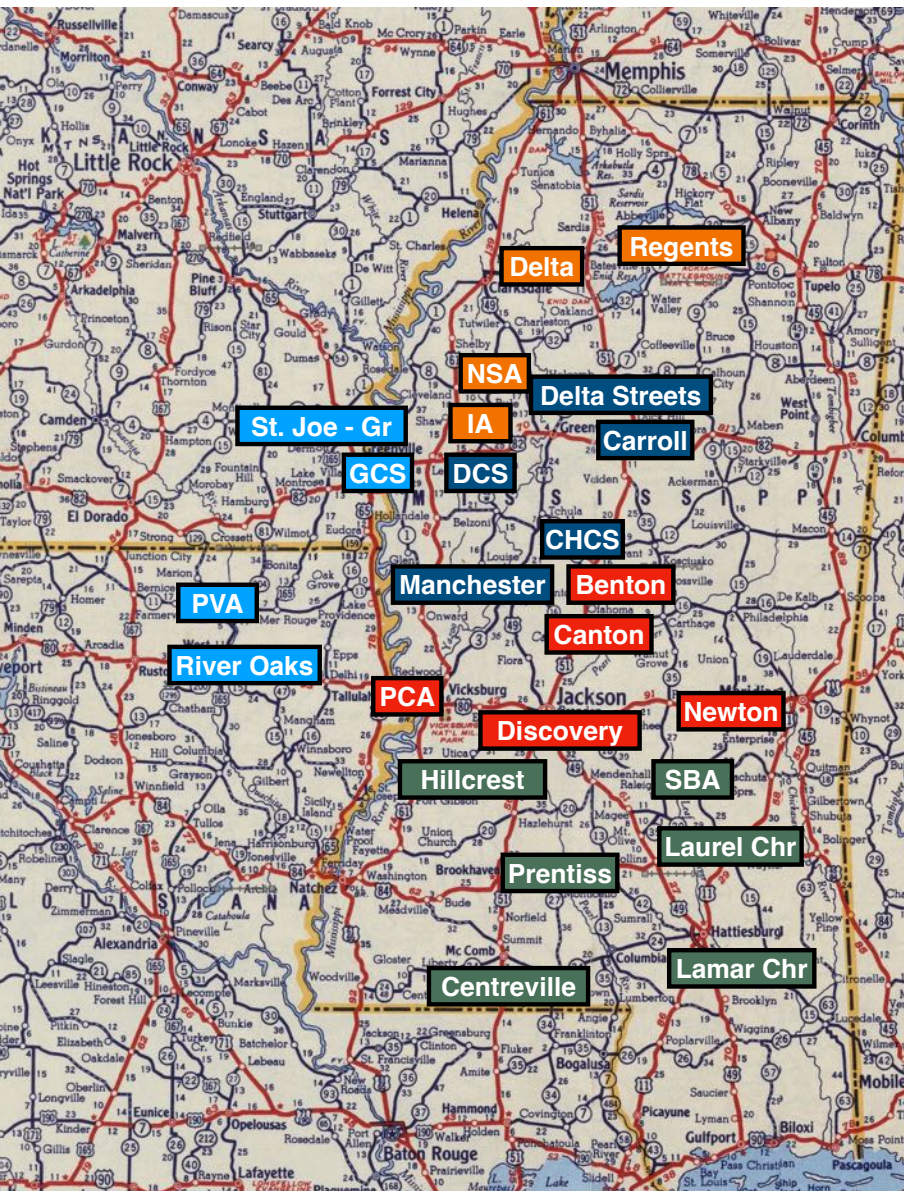
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be an open match for all Class 2A schools for the Class Championship.





## Volleyball Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

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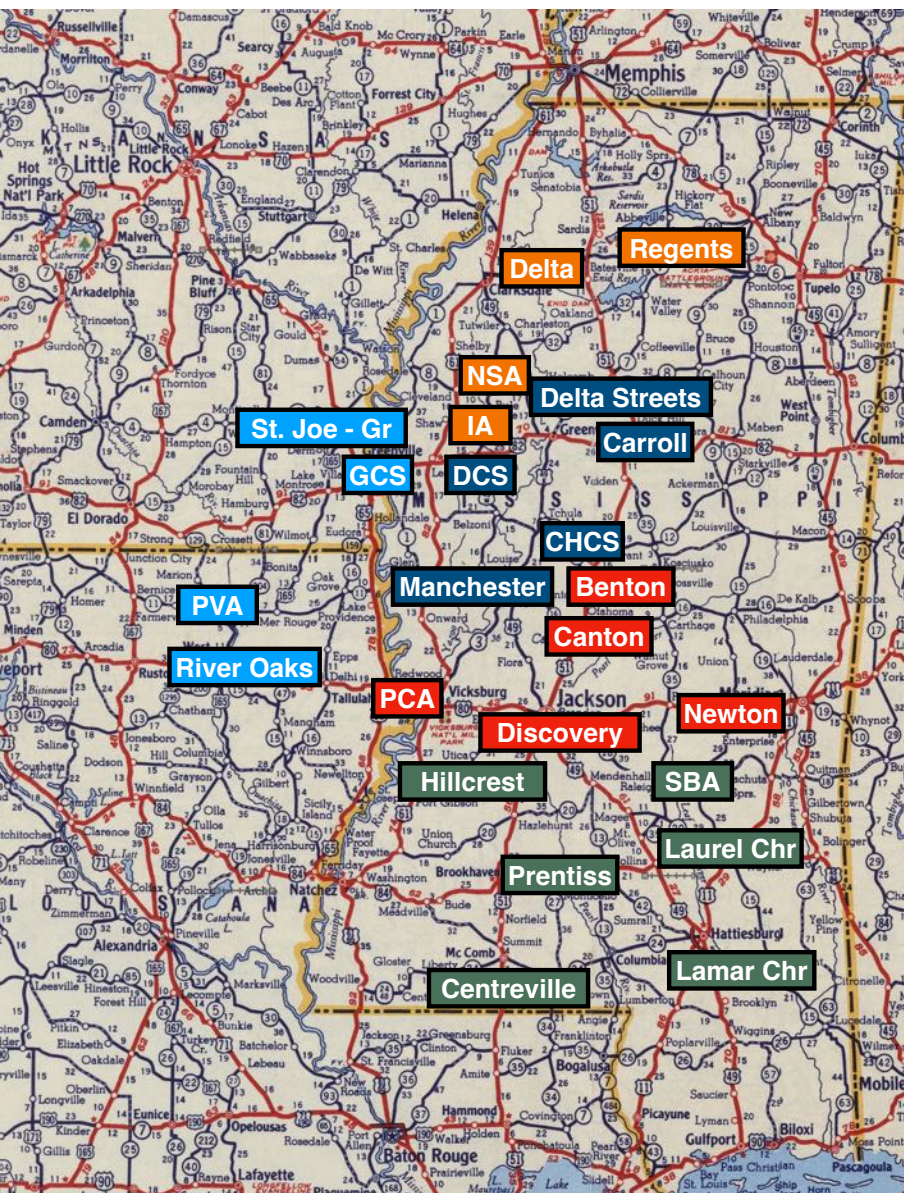
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

Schools in Classes 1A-3A will make up a single division for volleyball. The Director of Athletics will divide the schools in this division into districts as needed.





## Swimming Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

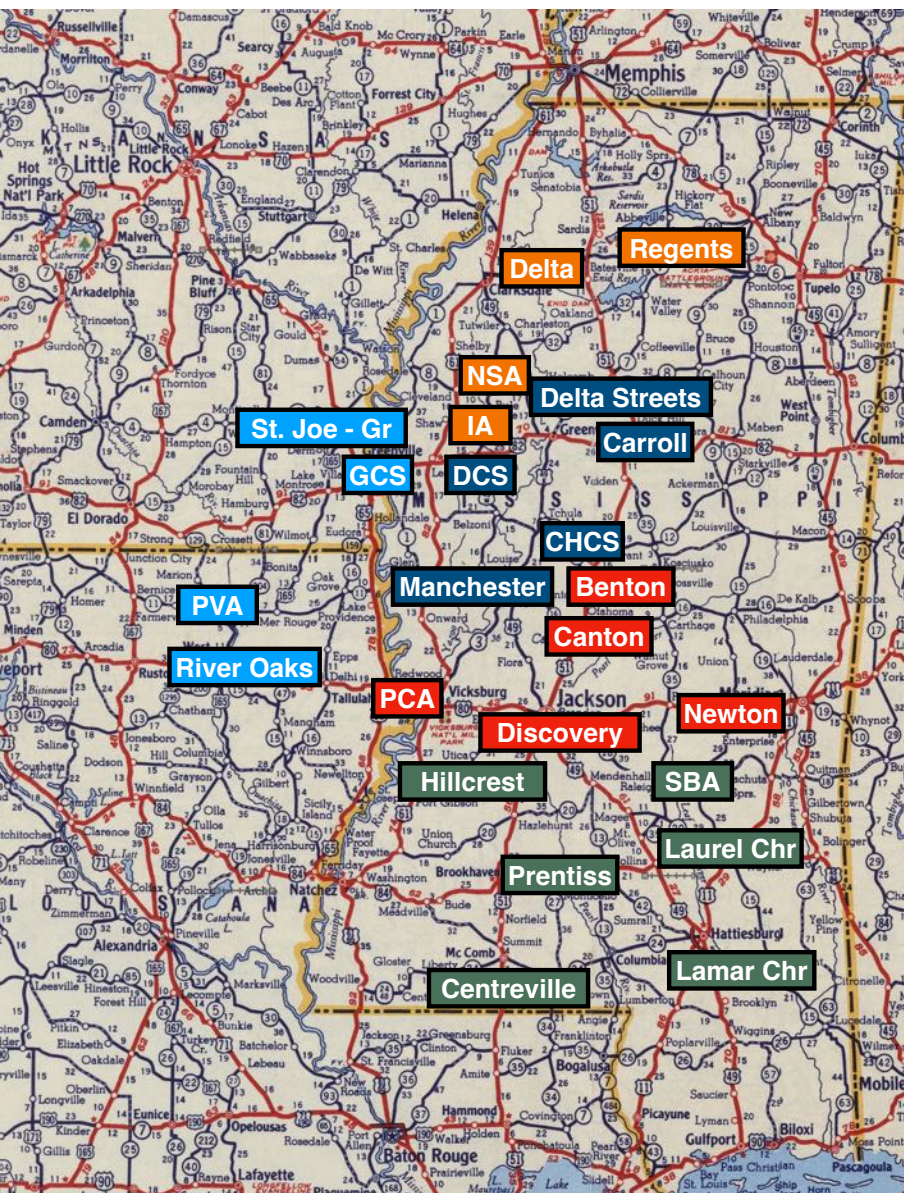
**District 3**

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**District 5**

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## Cheer / Dance Class 2A Next 24 Schools

District 1

District 2

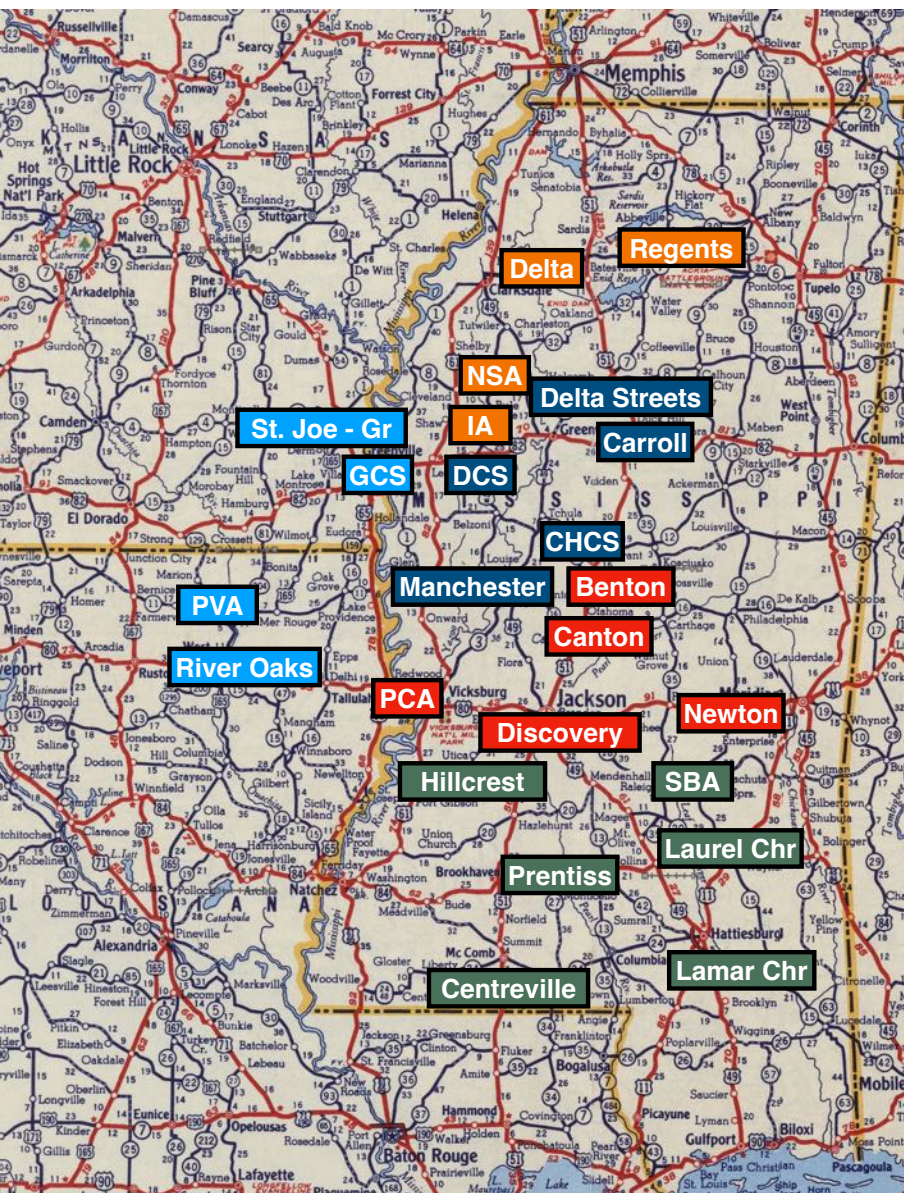
District 3

District 4

District 5

Cheer / Dance will be governed by the same rules we are currently using.





## Cross Country Class 2A Next 24 Schools

**District 1**

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**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be one open meet for Class 2A girls and Class 2A boys where one class champion is awarded as the result of each race.







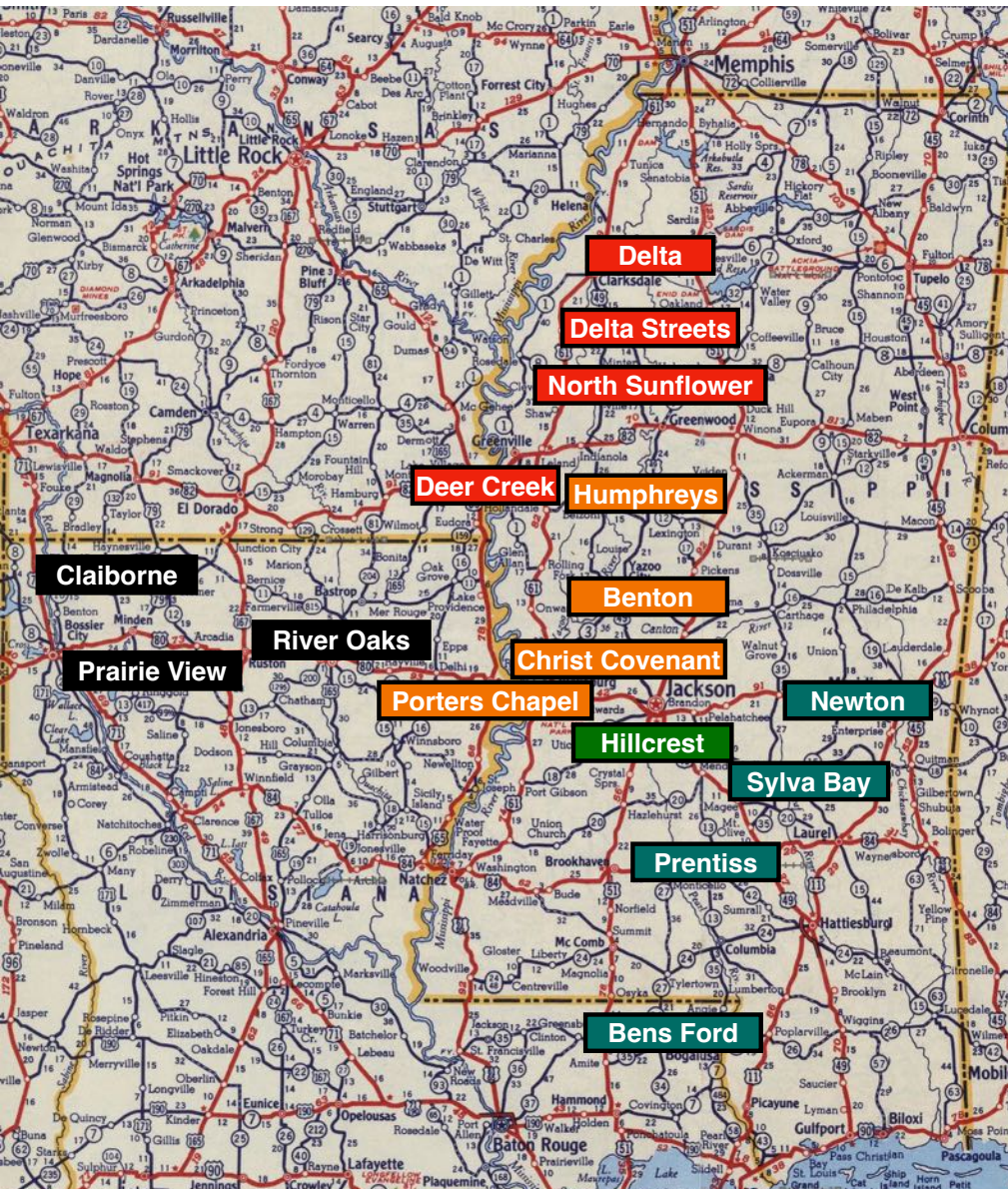
## 8-Man Football Div I Top 16 Schools

**District 1**

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**District 4**

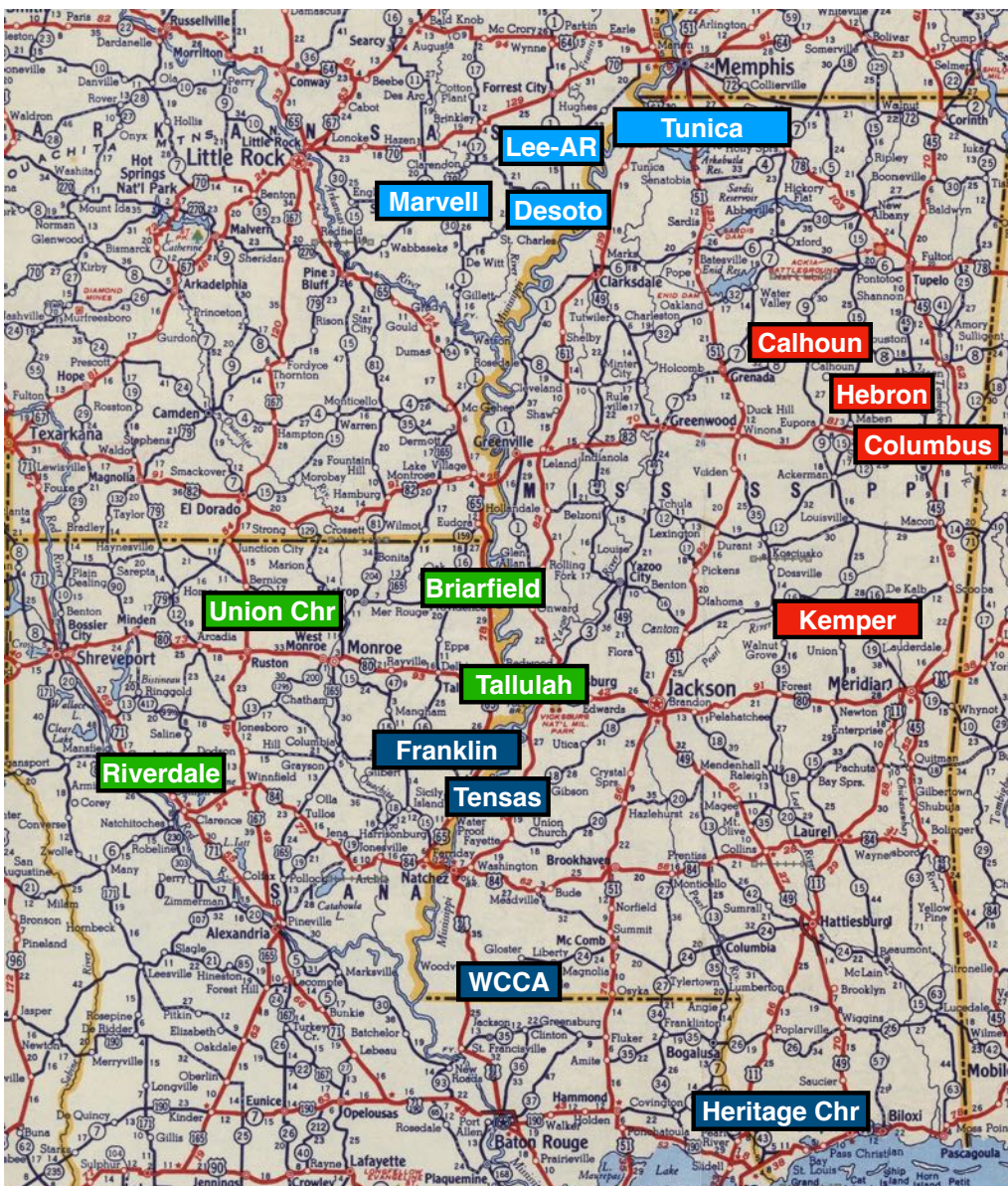


Playoff Structure - In 8-Man Football there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Division I Championship - Four week playoff between the 12 teams that have highest power point averages in Division I.

Division II Championship - Four week playoff between the 12 teams that have highest power point averages in Division II (see Division II slide).





## 8-Man Football Div II Next 16 Schools

**District 5**

**District 7**

**District 6**

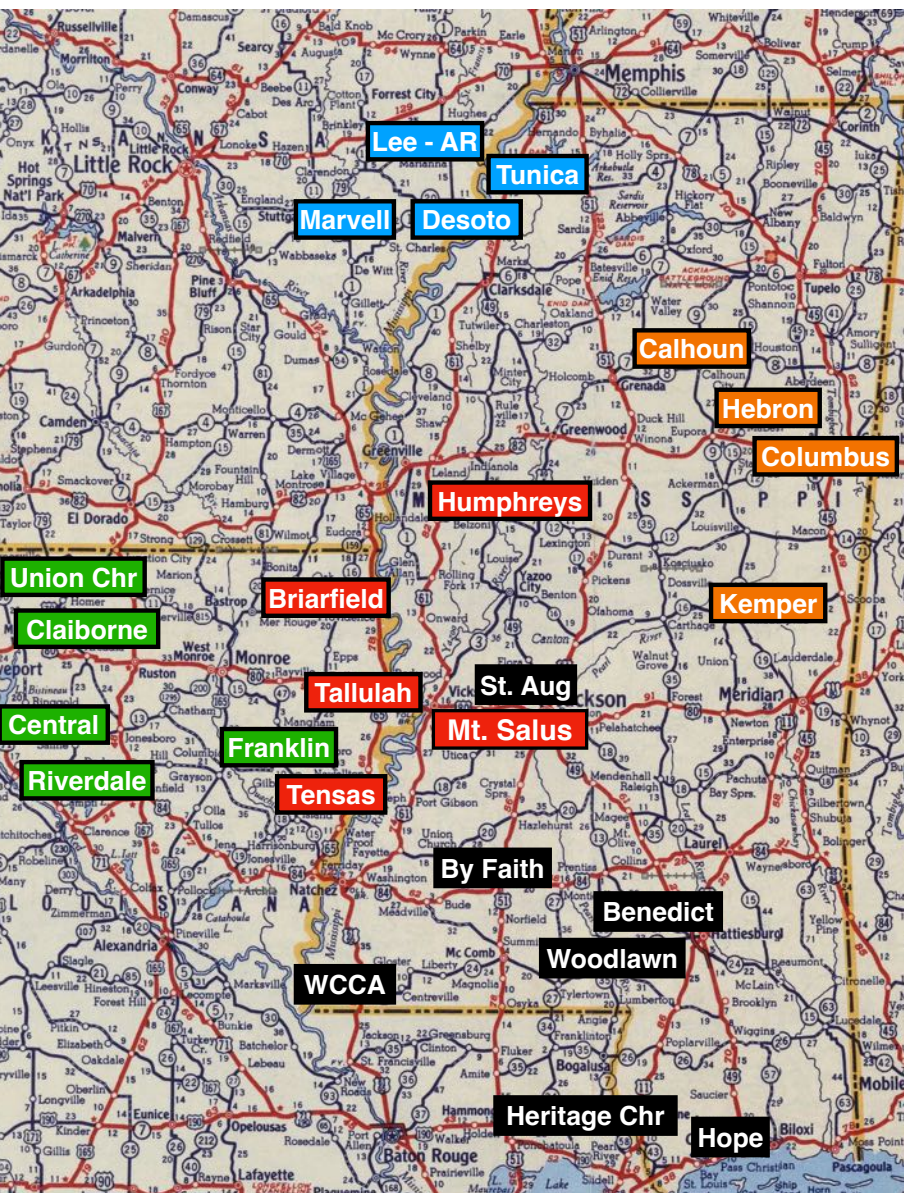
**District 8**

Playoff Structure - In 8-Man Football there will be 2 championships using the following guidelines:

Division I Championship - Four week playoff between the 12 teams that have highest power point averages in Division I (see Division I slide).

Division II Championship - Four week playoff between the 12 teams that have highest power point averages in Division II.





## Basketball Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

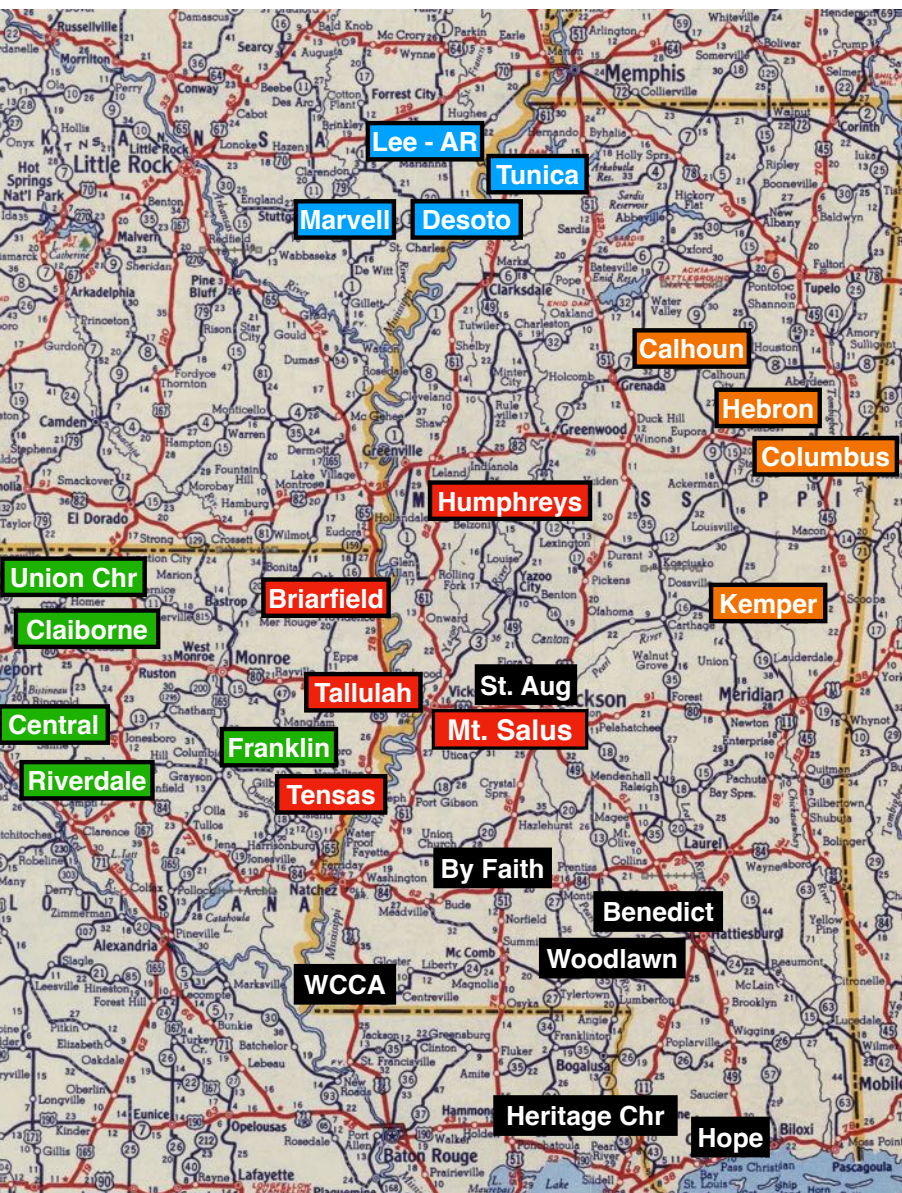
**District 4**

**District 5**

The top 4 teams from each district will advance to their respective regional tournament. Districts 1 & 2 will advance to the North 1A Tournament. Districts 3, 4 & 5 will advance to the South 1A Tournament.

The top 4 teams will advance to the Class 1A Tournament.





## Baseball Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

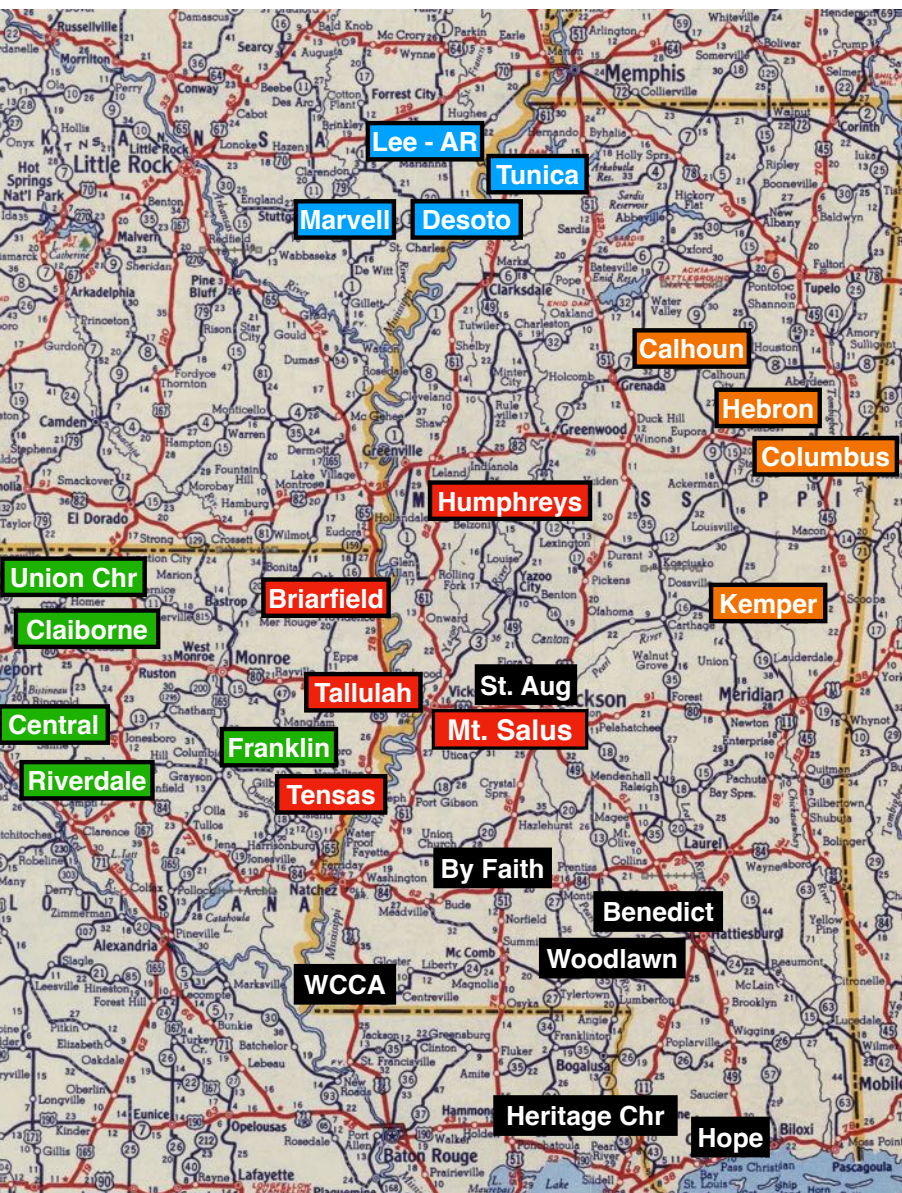
**District 4**

**District 5**

The top 4 teams from each district will advance to their respective regional tournament series. Districts 1 & 2 will be in the North. Districts 3, 4 & 5 will be in the South.

The North champion will play the South champion in a best of 3 series for the Class 1A Championship.





## Fast-Pitch Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

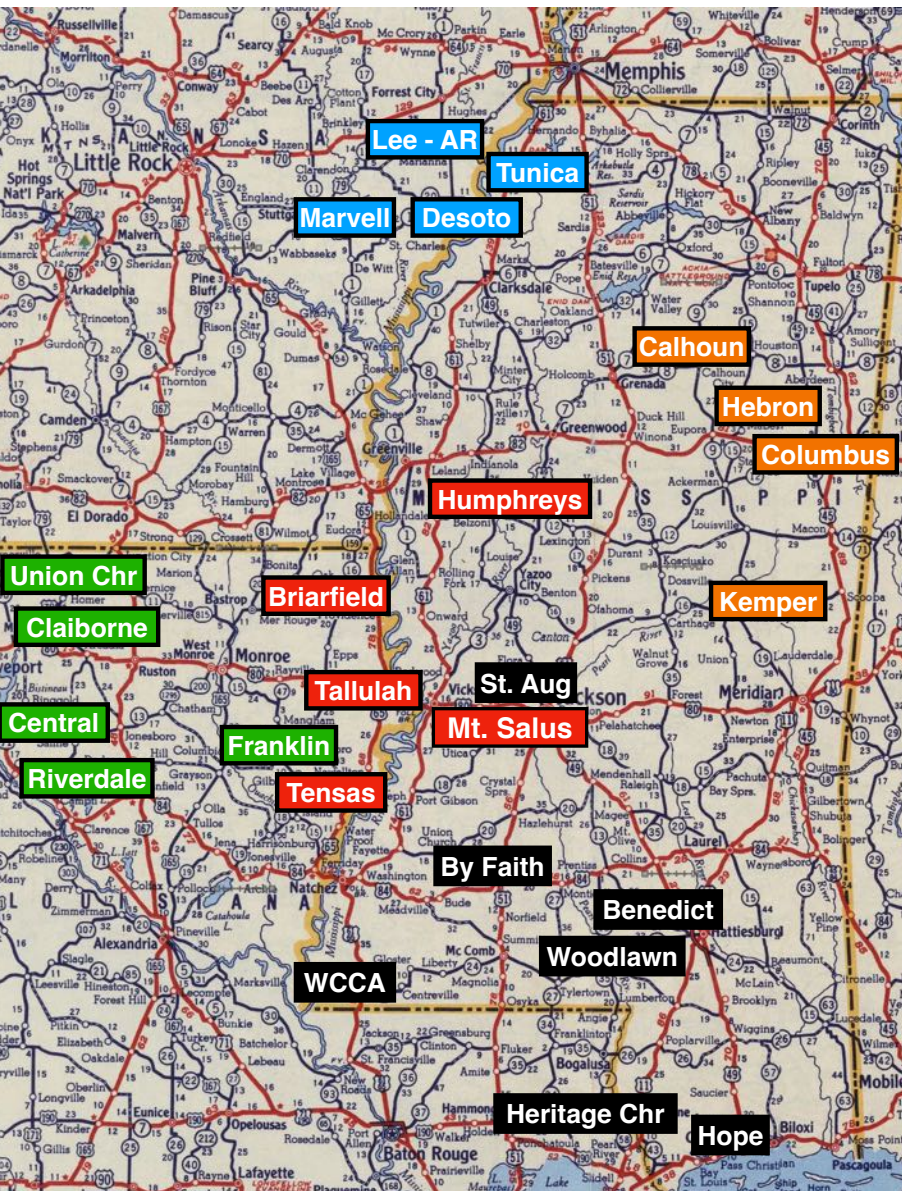
**District 4**

**District 5**

The top 4 teams from each district will advance to their respective regional tournament. Districts 1 & 2 will advance to the North 1A Tournament. Districts 3, 4 & 5 will advance to the South 1A Tournament.

The top 4 teams from the regional tournaments will advance to the class tournament. Tournament play at the class tournament will eliminate all but 2 teams which will then play a 3 game series to determine the class champion.





## Soccer Class 1A Remaining Schools

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**District 2**

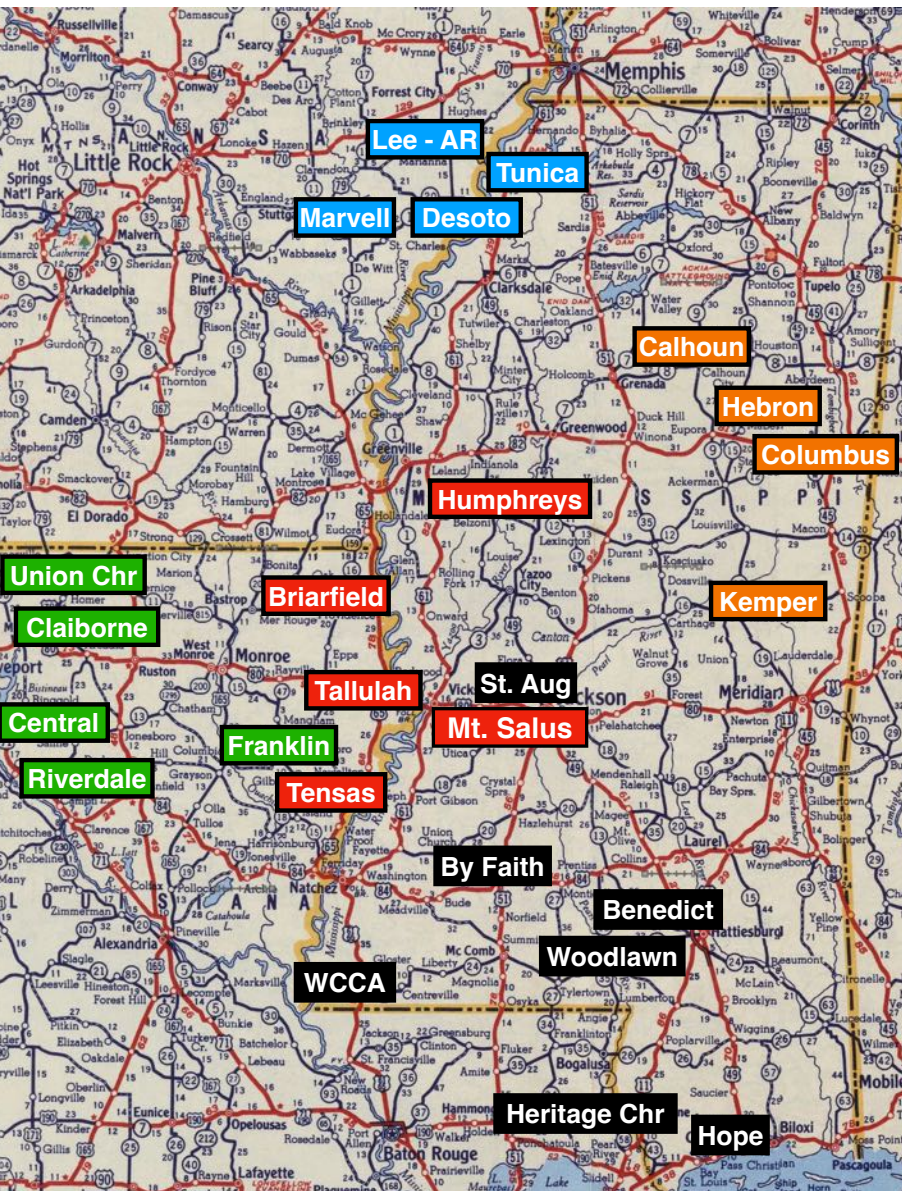
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

Schools in Classes 1A-3A will make up a single division for soccer. The Director of Athletics will divide the schools in this division into districts as needed.





## Tennis Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be one open tennis match for Class 1A schools. The Director of Athletics will determine if there are enough participants to require qualifying regional matches.



# Golf Class 1A Remaining Schools

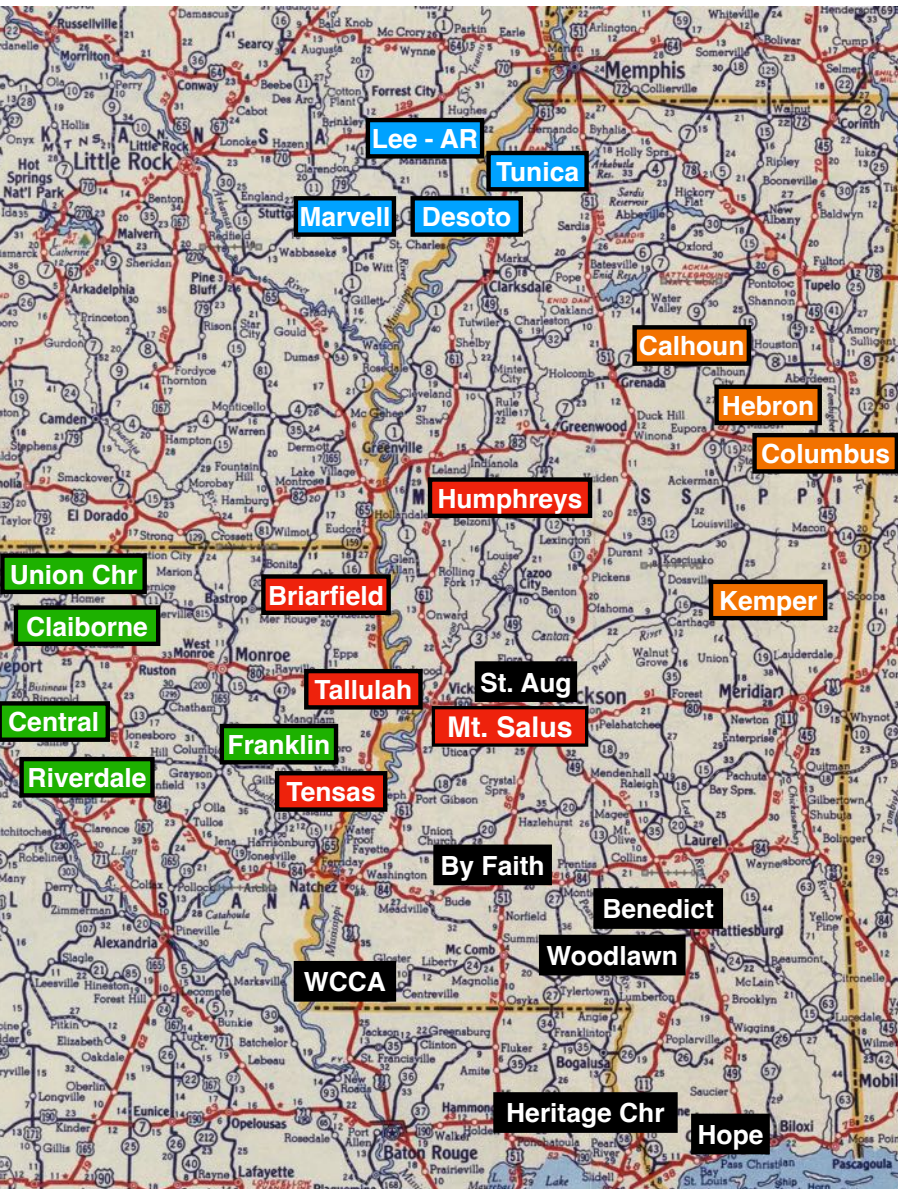
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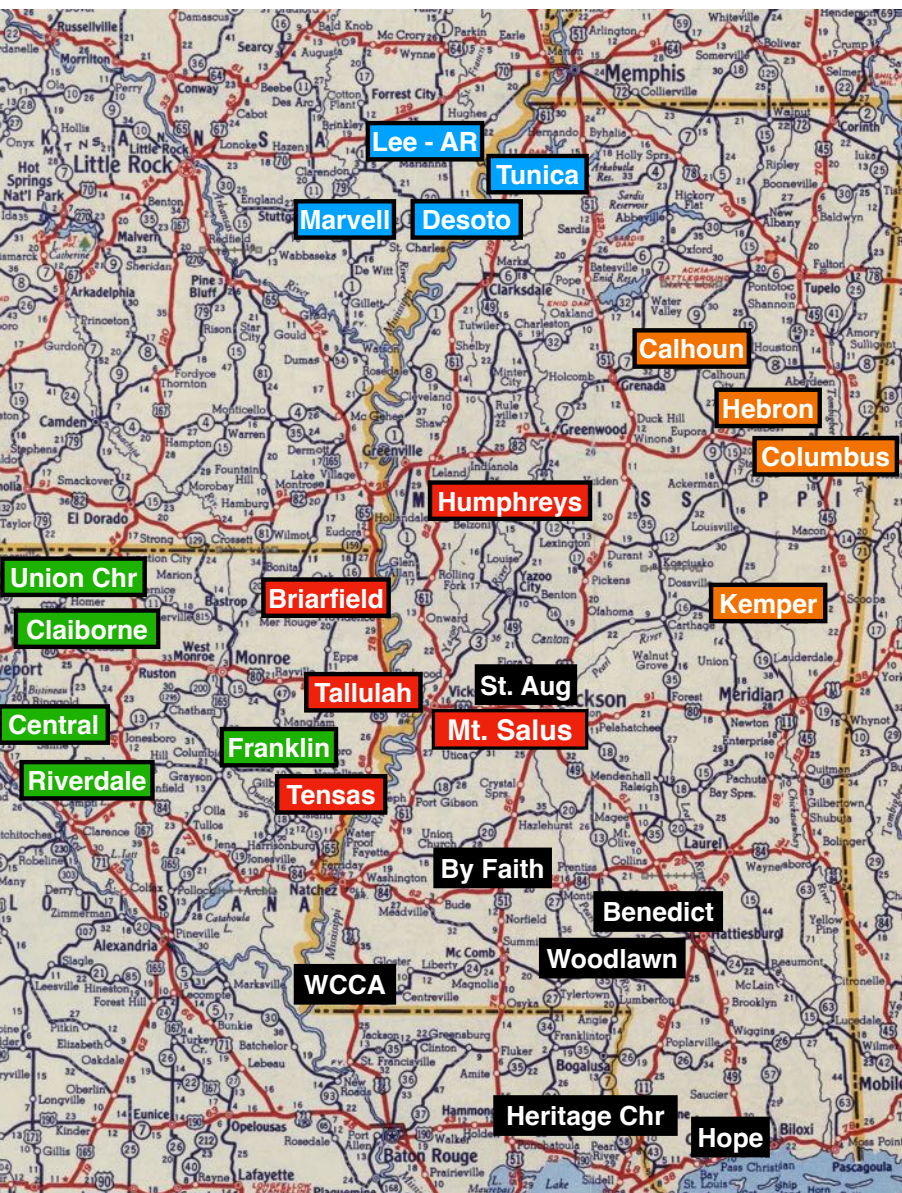
**District 4**

**District 5**



There will be one open golf match for Class 1A schools. The Director of Athletics will determine if there are enough participants to require qualifying regional matches.





## Track Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

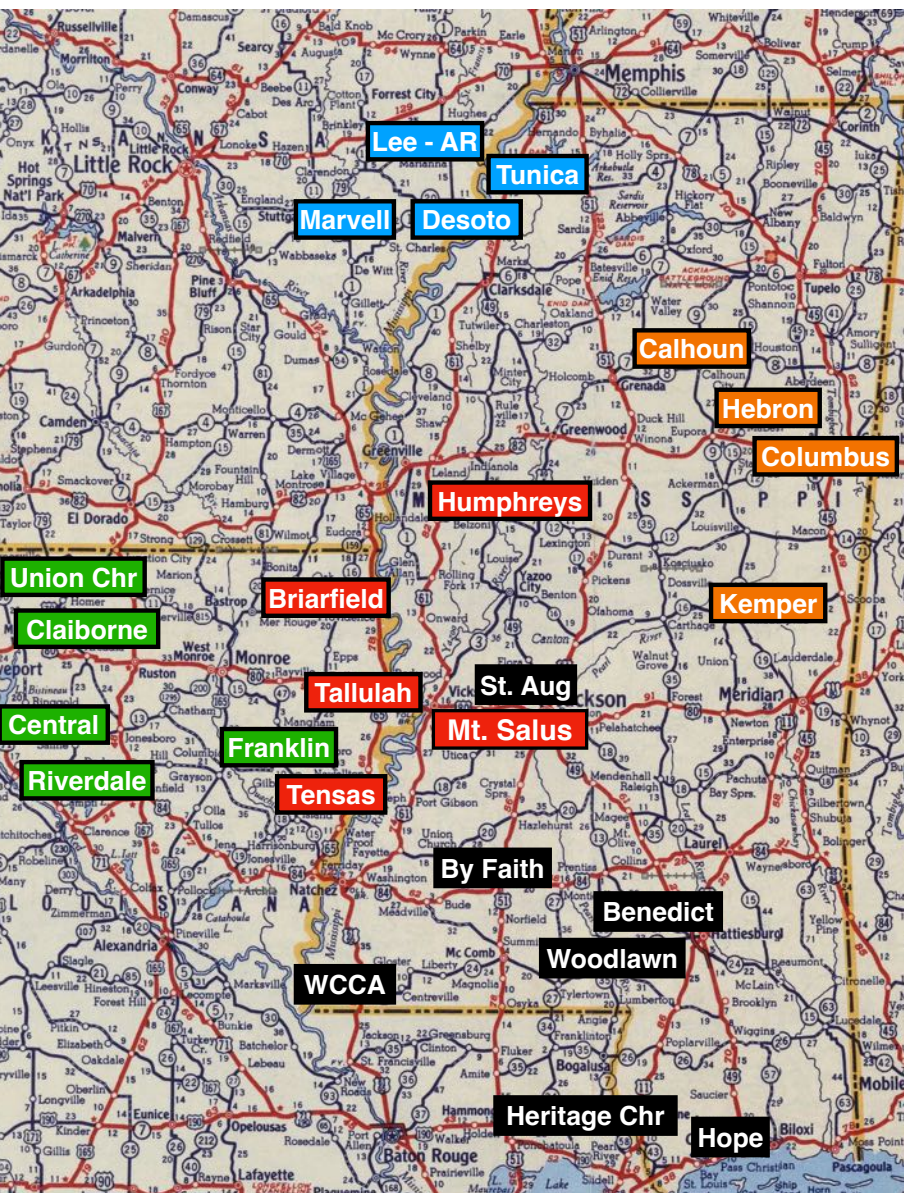
**District 4**

**District 5**

The top 4 finishers from each district meet will advance to their respective regional track meet. District 1 & 2 will advance to the North A Track Meet. District 3, 4 & 5 will advance to the South A Track Meet.

The top 4 finishers from the regional track meets will advance to the Class Track Meet.





## Archery Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

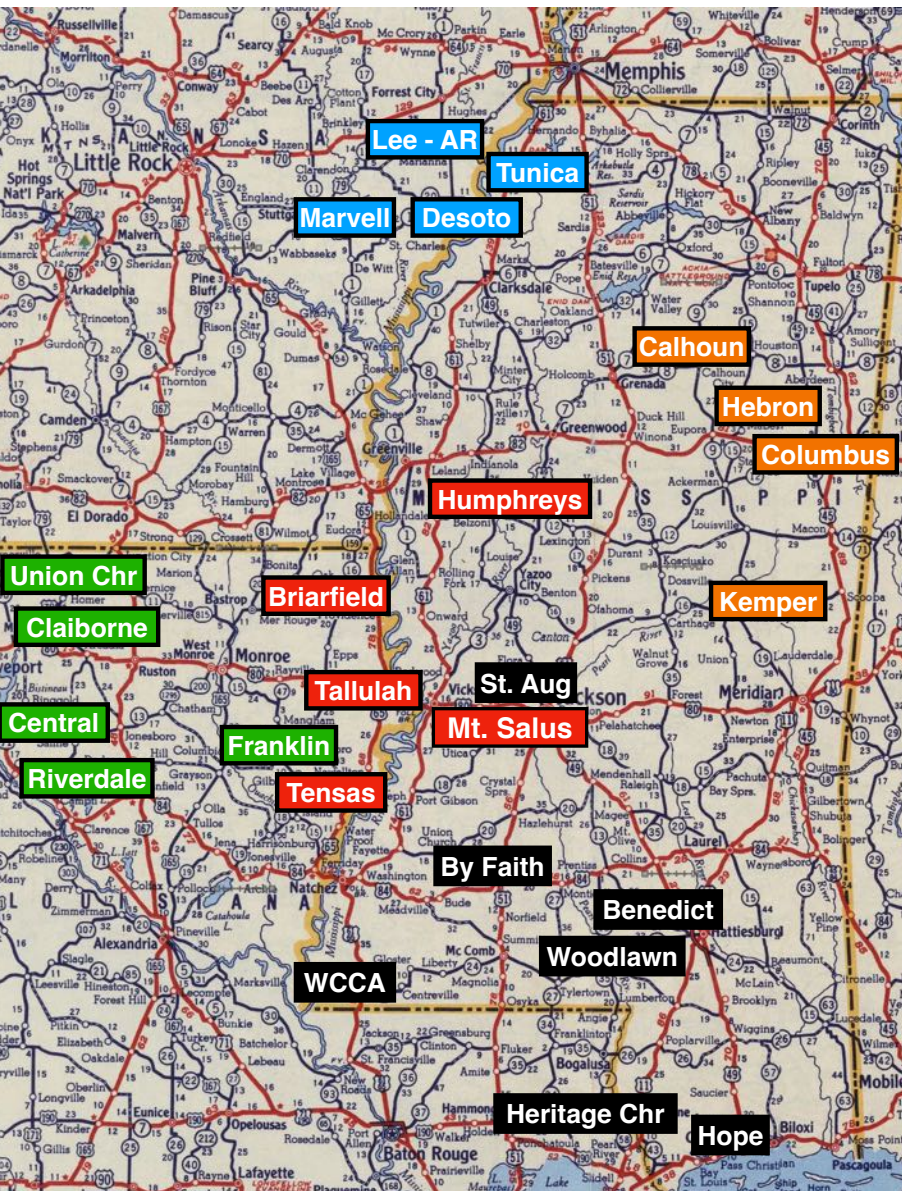
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be an open match for all Class 1A schools for the Class Championship.





## Volleyball Class 1A Remaining Schools

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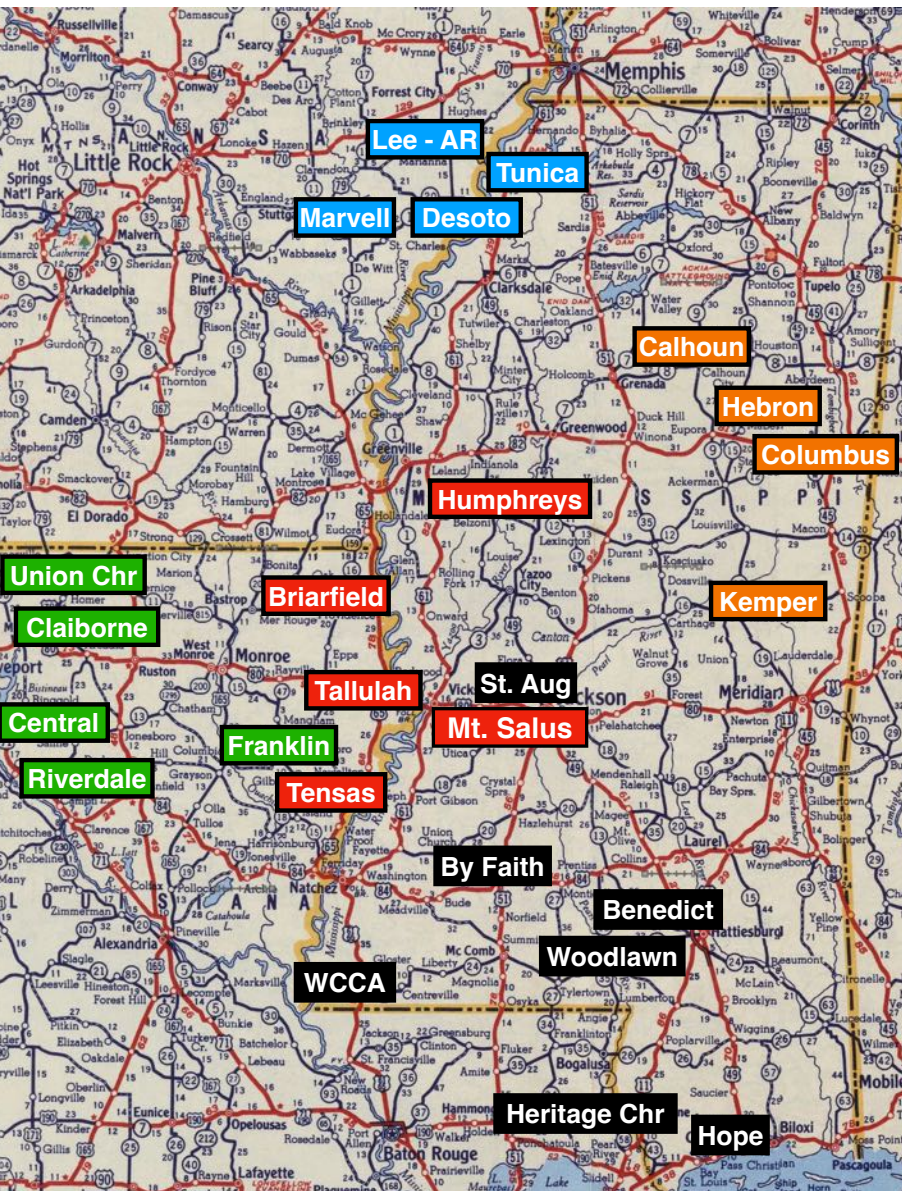
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

Schools in Classes 1A-3A will make up a single division for volleyball. The Director of Athletics will divide the schools in this division into districts as needed.





## Swimming Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

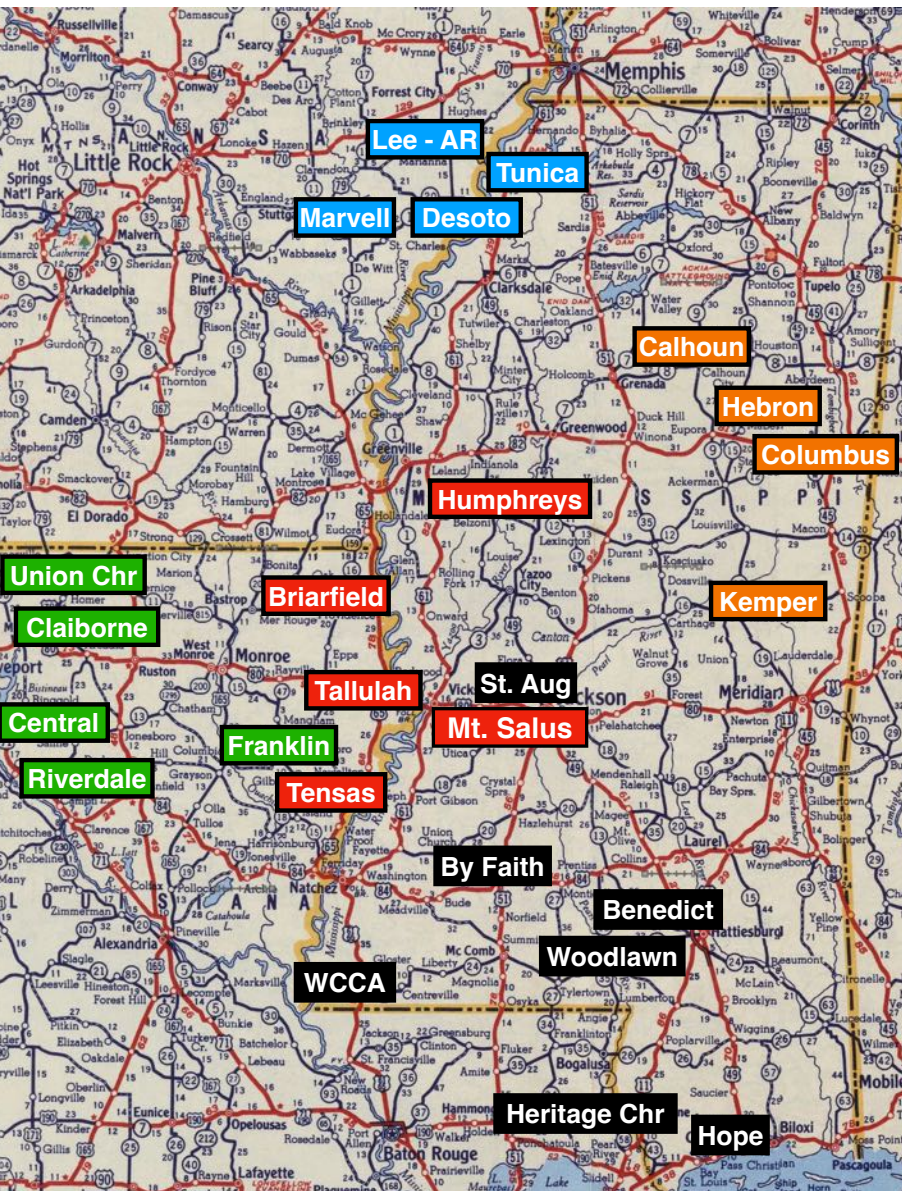
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

Because of the number of teams participating, there will only be one open meet in which all schools participate for one trophy. All-Sports points will be awarded by class from the results.





## Cheer / Dance Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

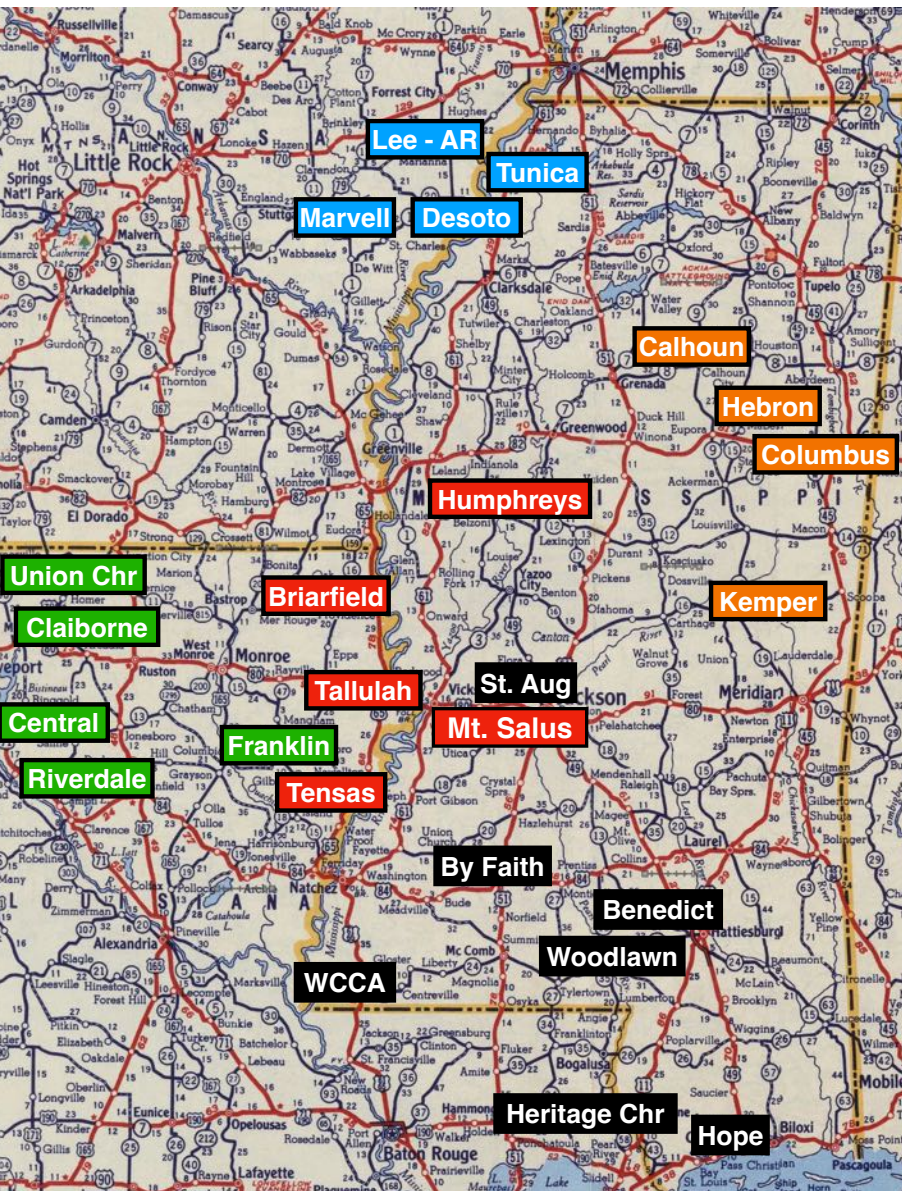
**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

Cheer / Dance will be governed by the same rules we are currently using.





## Cross Country Class 1A Remaining Schools

**District 1**

**District 2**

**District 3**

**District 4**

**District 5**

There will be one open meet for Class 1A girls and Class 1A boys where one class champion is awarded as the result of each race.



## Attachment "A"

### Section V. L. - Illegal Recruiting of Student-Athletes, Member to Member Schools

A. Definition - Illegal athletic recruiting is defined as the use of influence and/or first contact by any MAIS member school constituent in a successful attempt to encourage, induce, pressure, urge, or entice a prospective student to transfer to a member school for the purpose of participating in any MAIS sanctioned sport. A successful attempt to illegally recruit is validated by enrollment.

#### B. Suspicion of Recruiting

- a. Out of professional courtesy, If there is a suspicion of recruiting by another member school, before validation of enrollment, the proper action to take is for the Head of School to directly contact the Head of the accused school to make them aware of the suspicion of recruiting.

#### C. Formal Reporting Process

- a. Before an official complaint is made to the MAIS office, the Head of School filing a complaint must contact, in writing, the Head of School from the accused school with a desire to resolve the issue. The Head of School at the accused school has 7 calendar days to respond. All correspondence must be copied to the MAIS office. If no response from the accused Head of School is received the MAIS office will automatically open an investigation.
- b. An official complaint must then be sent to the MAIS office with the collected information to be presented to the Affairs Committee.



- c. The MAIS office will allow the school accused of a violation to respond to the complaint before the Affairs Committee will hear the complaint.
- d. Any documentation requested by the MAIS office or the AAC pertinent to the complaint must be provided in a timely manner.
- e. Only information heard by the Affairs Committee pertaining to the initial complaint and the initial response will be heard in any subsequent appeals unless the MAIS Office or AAC request additional information from both parties.
- f. The official complaint must be submitted to the MAIS no later than 30 days after the validated enrollment date at the new school.

#### D. Sanctions

- a. A MAIS school found to be in violation of illegal athletic recruiting will be assessed penalties by the AAC Affairs Committee. The Affairs Committee has authority to levy sanctions as deemed appropriate using the levels as a framework.
  - i. Level 1 – \$1,000 - 5,000 fine / 12 month recruiting violation watch / \$500-\$1000 fine of coach(s)/individuals involved / Player ineligible for 1 year
  - ii. Level 2 – \$5,000 - 7,500 fine / 24 month recruiting violation watch / 1 year postseason ban for sport involved / 6-12 month suspension of coach(s)/individuals involved / Player ineligible for 1 year.
  - iii. Level 3 – \$7,500 - \$10,000 fine / 36 month recruiting violation watch / 1 year postseason ban in



all sports/ permanent ban of coaching MAIS sports for coach(s)/individuals involved / Player ineligible for 1 year

b. Recruiting Violation Watch is defined as a time period in which the MAIS has the authority to require documentation related to schools under sanction for illegal recruiting violations. If a violation occurs while under 'Violation Watch' the school is subject to further sanctions. The following documents should be accessible for review by the MAIS office :

- a. Student's birth certificate
- b. Copy of Student's current class schedule
- c. Copy of student's report card(s)
- d. Scorebook(s)
- e. Proof of Address
- f. Other records/information necessary to determine student's eligibility status