

Three parish prep districts to undergo changes next school year

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Three parish districts — 1-4A, 1-3A and 1-1A — will have new looks in 2013-14 under the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's reclassification plan announced late last year. The LHSAA reclassifies based on student enrollment every two years.

District 1-4A will expand from six to eight teams.

Loyola and North DeSoto will join previous members Benton, Fair Park, Huntington, Minden, Northwood and Woodlawn.

Minden was moved to District 2 in the LHSAA's preliminary reclassification plan, but the school successfully appealed that decision.

Loyola and North DeSoto are both currently in District 1-3A. Loyola's enrollment figure of 455 still falls within Class 3A, but the school elected to play one class up. The LHSAA approved a resolution to allow schools to play one class above their enrollment last year.

North DeSoto will be the smallest school in Class 4A with 617 students, an increase of 62 over 2010.

District 1-3A will expand from four to six teams.

Bossier, which has the largest enrollment in Class 3A along with Abbeville at 616, and Green Oaks remain in the district. They will be joined by perennial football power Evangel, Mansfield, North Webster and Booker T. Washington.

The latter four schools are all currently in Class 2A. Evangel still has a Class 2A enrollment with 372 students, but it chose to play up.

Evangel has also had much success in boys basketball, softball and baseball in Class 2A.

District 1-1A will go from four to six teams.

Arcadia, Cedar Creek and Grambling, which are now in District 2, will join current members Louisiana New Tech at Plain Dealing, Haynesville and Ringgold.

The addition of Cedar Creek makes it a much stronger football district. Arcadia and Louisiana New Tech will be able to renew their district rivalry.

Logansport has been moved to District 3.

District 1-5A will remain the same with Airline, Byrd, Caddo Magnet (non-football), Captain Shreve, Haughton, Parkway and Southwood.

Haughton, which increased its 2010 enrollment by 109 to 1,115, will be the smallest school in Class 5A.

Parkway, which increased by 145 students to 1,147, will be the third-smallest.

Byrd will still be the third-largest at 2,237. Lafayette High is the largest at 2,478.