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Columbia, Missouri - The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) released their latest classifications based on enrollment records for high school football and on Saturday, April 9, 2016 and was approved by the Board of Directors.

Football Enrollment Breaks for 11-Man Football:

Class 1 64 Schools 109-244 Students

Class 2 64 Schools 245-427 Students

Class 3 64 Schools 472-727 Students

Class 4 64 Schools 732-1314 Students

Class 5 44 Schools 1316-1778 Students

Class 6 32 Schools 1779-2803 Students

In 11-man football, the largest 32 schools based on student enrollment in grades 9-12 are classified in Class 6, while the smallest 64 schools are assigned to Class 1. The next-largest 64 schools are then classified in Class 2, the next 64 in Class 3, and the next 64 in Class 4. The remaining schools are assigned to Class 5. If two schools form a cooperative partnership, the enrollment of both schools combined are used to determine classification.

The first-allowable football practice date for 2016 will be on Monday, August 1. The first-possible contest date will be Friday, August 19.

In football, Scott City, Hayti, and Portageville will drop from Class 2 to Class 1, District 1. They could now face Barat Academy, Chaffee, Crystal City, St. Vincent and Valle Catholic during district play.

Grandview will remain in Class 2, but will switch districts moving from District 2 to District 1 joining Charleston, East Prairie, Jefferson, Kelly, Caruthersville, Malden, and St. Pius X. Jefferson was formerly in Class 1 and St. Pius X came down from Class 3.

Fox High School will move to Class 6, District 1 and Parkway South will move to Class 5, District 2 leaving Poplar Bluff, Jackson, Rockwood Summit, Oakville, and Vianney in Class 5, District 1.

Class 4, District 1 will remain the same with Cape Central, Farmington, Festus, DeSoto, Hillsboro, Sikeston, Perryville, and North County.

Dexter will remain in Class 3, District 1 along with New Madrid County Central, Park Hills, Fredericktown, Kennett, Potosi, Salem, and Ste. Genevieve High Schools.

Dexter will most likely open with Ste. Genevieve on August 19th at Ste. Gen. Charleston has dropped Dexter from their schedule; however no announcement has been made as to who the replacement school will be. The Bearcats will host their home opener on August 26th against Poplar Bluff.

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