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TO: Alan Fields, Principal/AD  
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FROM: Billy Strickland, Executive Director *BRS*

DATE: February 23, 2017

RE: High School Classification

ASAA classifies schools according to their enrollments in grades 9-12. When four classifications are used the below are the enrollment numbers used to determine classification:

- 1A – 1-60 students
- 2A – 61-150 students
- 3A – 151-500 students
- 4A – 501 and above students

Schools are classified by their enrollments in grades 9-12 according to the previous school year's October report to the Department of Education and Early Development. Beginning in April of 2014, non-enrolled alternative education program students who participate in a member public, private or religious school's interscholastic activity program will be added to the prior October count in determining the school's total number for future classification purposes.

The following sports and activities have state-culminating competitions based on the following school classifications:

One Classification

Swim & Dive, Nordic Ski, Soccer, Tennis, Baseball, Girls Wrestling

Two Classifications

Cross-country Running (1A/2A/3A and 4A) Hockey (Small, 5-500 and Large, 500+) Track & Field (1A/2A/3A and 4A) Wrestling (1A/2A/3A and 4A), Softball (Small, 5-850 and Large, 851+)

Three Classifications

Football (Small, 449 and smaller / Medium, 450-900 / Large, 901 and larger)

Four Classifications

Volleyball (Mix Six (5-60), 2A, 3A, 4A) and Basketball (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

**Kenai Central High School is currently a 4A school with a 2016-17 OASIS state enrollment number of 474 students in grades 9-12. In accordance with the following policy, the ASAA Board of Directors has determined that Kenai Central High School will be reclassified beginning in the 2018-19 school years as follows:**

- to the 3A classification for the sports of basketball, cross country, track & field, volleyball and wrestling.
- change to the Small School Division for hockey.

Please note Kenai Central High School will remain at the current classifications for the sports of football and softball.

Schools whose current enrollments will place them in a lower classification may "opt up" by submitting a request to do so in writing to the Executive Director by September 15, 2017. All requests to "opt up" will become effective in 2018-19. Teams will remain at the current classification through 2017-18. Schools may "opt up" on a sport by sport basis, but requests to "opt up" in a sport that has both boys and girls teams must do so for both teams. "Opting up" will be in effect for 3 years, regardless of the school's enrollment.

The ASAA board will consider requests to "opt up" during its meeting on October 1-2, 2017 in Anchorage. If Kenai Central High School wishes to begin competing at the 3A level starting in the fall of 2019, the Board would request Kenai Central High School inform ASAA as to which conferences it would like to compete.

Please feel free to contact me at (907) 563-3723 or by email [billy@asaa.org](mailto:billy@asaa.org) if you would like to discuss this or have further questions.

Respectfully,

cc: Dale Ewart, Region 3 Representative  
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