

## **TEXAS UIL RECLASSIFICATIONS AND REALIGNMENT FOR 2016-17 and 2017-2018**

The announcement that every high school athlete and coach was waiting for was released at 9am today, Monday, February 1, 2016. Every two years the Texas UIL makes changes in the classification of Texas high schools for major sports based on attendance. In addition, they realign the schools into Regions and Districts based on location and other schools in the area. This year there were 1500 schools in Texas involved. All of the changes below begin in the next school year and are effective for two years.

Georgetown High and Georgetown East View will remain in Class 5A for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. Both of these schools have been moved from Region 4, District 25 into Region 3, District 19. District 19 has a whole new look with nine teams. Below are the schools that will be competing with Georgetown and East View in district play.

### **Class 5A Region 3 District 19**

Bastrop  
Bastrop Cedar Creek  
Cedar Park  
Elgin  
Georgetown  
Georgetown East View  
Hutto  
Leander Rouse  
Pflugerville Connally

This is a change of district and region for the Georgetown schools. So at the end of this school year it is a fond farewell to Vandegrift, Vista Ridge, Leander, Dripping Springs and Marble Falls. It will be hello to some old rivals Bastrop, Bastrop Cedar Creek, Elgin, Pflugerville Connally from two years ago and one new rival Leander Rouse (who moves down from 6A to 5A (not Leander HS).

Vandegrift, Vista Ridge and Leander have been moved up to 6A and have been moved into Region 4, District 25A to join Austin Lake Travis, Austin Westlake, Buda Hays, and Kyle Lehman. That is going to be a really powerful district especially in Football.

Dripping Springs and Marble Falls are still 5A and in Region 4, but have been moved from District 25 to District 26 join Boerne Champion, Castroville Medina Valley, Kerrville Tivy, Lockhart, San Antonio Alamo Heights, and Seguin.

### **What does this all mean for the Sun City Eagle Boosters?**

#### **For district play**

16 district games instead of 14.

Competition should be good, but probably not the level of Vista Ridge, Vandegrift and Leander especially in football.

Those long drives to Dripping Springs, Marble Falls and Vandegrift will be replaced by trips to Elgin and Bastrop. But, at least you will be able to travel highway 130 if you want to pay the tolls.

**For the State Playoffs**

This will be the biggest change.

All of the playoff sites will change.

Road to the state tournament will be tougher in early rounds.

Region 3 schools include Houston area schools rather than San Antonio and the valley.

Travel distance for Bi-District and Area rounds will probably need Charter busses again.

All of the above applies to Football and Basketball. In general it will apply to Baseball, Softball and Volleyball. But, for some of the other sports such as Soccer, Wrestling, Swimming, etc. may differ because of the number of schools participating in those sports.

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