

Realignment sends Sabino into competitive Sonoran

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Five large Southern Arizona high schools will move to new regions next fall.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association released new region alignments Wednesday for the 2009-2011 school years.

- Flowing Wells and Sabino will move to the Sonoran Region from the Kino in Division 4A-I. Sabino will join athletic mainstays Catalina Foothills and Canyon del Oro in this competitive region.

- Marana will switch from Sonoran to Kino. The Kino Region will cover a large geographical area, including Nogales and Vail.

- Cholla will move to Class 4A-II Gila from Class 4A-I Sonoran.

- Casa Grande, currently in the 5A-I Southern, will move to the 5A-I Pima Region, which includes schools from the Phoenix metro area. That leaves Sierra Vista Buena, Tucson and Salpointe Catholic in a three-school region.

Additionally, Salpointe, Ironwood Ridge, Desert View and Rio Rico successfully

appealed their placements to stay in the same division and region as this year.

THE NEW LINEUP

Large-school region realignment for 2009-2011. Changes for area schools are in bold.

5A-I Southern

Buena
Salpointe
Tucson

5A-II Southern

Ironwood Ridge
Mountain View

Rincon/University

Sunnyside

5A-I Pima

Casa Grande
Mesa Desert Ridge
Phoenix Mountain Pointe
Mesa Skyline
Mesa Westwood

4A-I Kino

Cienega
Desert View
Marana
Nogales
Sahuaro

4A-I Sonoran

Canyon del Oro
Catalina Foothills
Flowing Wells
Pueblo
Sabino

4A-II Gila

Amphitheater
Catalina
Cholla
Douglas
Palo Verde
Rio Rico
Sahuarita
Santa Rita