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Ross stays Division I

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COLUMBUS -- Fremont Ross will remain a Division I football team, while Oak Harbor will compete in Division III for the next two years.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association announced their football divisional realignment Thursday. The realignment of 117 schools -- 16.3 percent of the 718 Ohio high schools that play football -- will take effect this fall and last until another realignment before the 2011 season.

The cutoff for Division I football is 518 boys enrolled in the school. Fremont Ross has 540, according to the most recent figures.

Three schools from the Toledo area have also moved into Division I: Oregon Clay, Toledo Waite and Sylvania Southview, which played a playoff game at Ross en route to last year's Division II state championship.

Toledo Libbey, another member of the City League, drops from Division II to Division III, while Sunbury Big Walnut, a playoff foe for Clyde in each of the past two years, will move up to Division II.

Additionally, Norwalk moves up a Division from III to II, while Rossford, a member of the Northern Lakes League that has applied for membership to the Suburban Lakes League, drops from Division III to Division IV.
