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**ALL-TIME QUALIFIERS**  
Since the inception of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Football Playoffs in 1975, a total of 514 schools have qualified for the playoffs, a figure taking in over 75 percent of the schools sponsoring the sport. While the majority of the schools have only qualified on one occasion, there are several schools which have graced the playoff fields in the majority of the 28 years the tournament has taken place, including this season:  
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**2002 MHSAA PLAYOFF PAIRINGS**

**DIVISION 1**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Rockford (6-3) at Muskegon (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Bay City Central (7-2) at **Traverse City West (8-1)** - Friday 7:30

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Grandville (5-4) at East Kentwood (9-0) - Friday 7 at Forest Hills Central  
Jenison (6-3) at Holland West Ottawa (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Brighton (5-4) at Battle Creek Central (9-0) - Saturday 1  
Holt (7-2) at Grand Ledge (8-1) - Saturday 1

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

South Lyon (7-2) at Belleville (8-1) - Friday 7  
Ann Arbor Pioneer (7-2) at Ann Arbor Huron (6-3) - Friday 7

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Walled Lake Central (6-3) at Lake Orion (8-1) - Friday 7  
Novi (6-3) at Highland-Milford (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Livonia Stevenson (7-2) at Detroit Catholic Central (8-1) - Saturday 1  
Canton (8-1) at Westland John Glenn (8-1) - Friday 7

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Utica Ford (6-3) at Macomb Dakota (8-1) - Friday 7  
Clinton Twp Chippewa Valley (7-2) at Utica Eisenhower (7-2) - Saturday 7

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Detroit Pershing (6-3) at Detroit King (9-0) - Saturday 1 at Detroit Osborn  
Detroit Murray-Wright (8-1) at Dearborn Fordson (8-1) - Friday 7

**DIVISION 2**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Romeo (6-3) at Saginaw (8-1) - Saturday 1  
Midland (6-3) at Bay City Western (6-3) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Flint Carman-Ainsworth (6-3) at Davison (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Oxford (6-3) at Lapeer East (8-1) - Saturday 1

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Grand Rapids Creston (6-3) at Grand Rapids Christian (8-1) - Friday 7  
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (6-3) at Hudsonville (6-3) - Saturday 1

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

East Lansing (5-4) at Lowell (8-1) - Friday 7  
Adrian (7-2) at Portage Central (7-2) - Saturday 1

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Pontiac Northern (6-3) at Farmington Hills Harrison (7-2) - Saturday 1  
North Farmington (6-2) at Birmingham Brother Rice (7-2) - Saturday 1

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Warren DeLaSalle (6-3) at Rochester Adams (8-1) - Friday 7  
Warren Mott (6-3) at Warren Cousino (6-3) - Friday 7

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Detroit Henry Ford (5-3) at Farmington (8-1) - Friday 7  
Detroit Mackenzie (6-3) at Detroit Central (7-2) - Saturday 1 at Mumford

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Southgate Anderson (5-4) at Allen Park (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Detroit Kettering (6-3) at Lincoln Park (6-3) - Friday 7

**DIVISION 3**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Big Rapids (6-3) at **Gaylord (9-0)** - Saturday 1  
Fremont (7-2) at Ogemaw Heights (8-1) - Saturday 1

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Ionia (6-3) at East Grand Rapids (9-0) - Friday 7  
Fruitport (6-3) at Cedar Springs (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Lake Odessa Lakewood (6-3) at Charlotte (7-2) - Friday 7  
Lansing Waverly (5-4) at Wayland Union (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

Richland Gull Lake (6-3) at Stevensville Lakeshore (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Niles (6-3) at Sturgis (6-3) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Haslett (6-3) at DeWitt (9-0) - Friday 7:30  
Chelsea (7-2) at Mason (8-1) - Friday 7

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Tecumseh (6-3) at Carleton Airport (9-0) - Friday 7:30  
Trenton (7-2) at Redford Thurston (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Bloomfield Hills Andover (6-3) at Bloomfield Hills Lahser (9-0) - Saturday 7  
Marysville (6-3) at Birmingham Seaholm (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Dearborn Divine Child (7-2) at River Rouge (8-1) - Friday 7  
Warren Fitzgerald (7-2) at Detroit Renaissance (6-3) - Saturday 1 at Redford

**DIVISION 4**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

*Geographic Pairings implemented for this District*

Menominee (8-1) at Kingsford (9-0) - Saturday 2  
Midland Bullock Creek (6-3) at Gladwin (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Flint Powers Catholic (5-4) at Caro (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Mt Morris (7-2) at Bay City John Glenn (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Muskegon Orchard View (6-3) at Coopersville (9-0) - Friday 7  
Byron Center (8-1) at Spring Lake (8-1) - Friday 7

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

Belding (6-3) at Corunna (9-0) - Friday 7:30  
Grand Rapids South Christian (8-1) at Linden (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Coloma (6-3) at Three Rivers (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Hamilton (6-3) at Paw Paw (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Battle Creek Harper Creek (5-4) at Marshall (8-1) - Saturday 1  
Comstock (7-2) at Jackson Lumen Christi (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Yale (6-3) at Marine City (9-0) - Friday 7  
Clinton Township Clintondale (7-2) at Richmond (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (6-3) at Center Line (8-1) - Friday 7  
Riverview (6-3) at Grosse Ile (6-3) - Friday 7

**DIVISION 5**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Kalkaska (6-3) at **Benzie Central (8-1)** - Friday 7  
Calumet (6-3) at **Boyer City (7-2)** - Saturday 1

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Lakeview (5-3) at Clare (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Shepherd (6-3) at Tawas City (6-3) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Parchment (6-3) at Muskegon Oakridge (9-0) - Friday 7:30  
Allendale (9-0) at Battle Creek Pennfield (9-0) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

Edwardsburg (6-3) at Napoleon (9-0) - Saturday 7  
Constantine (7-1) at Hillsdale (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Capac (6-3) at Montrose (9-0) - Friday 7  
Vermontville Maple Valley (8-1) at Williamston (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Saginaw Nouvel (6-2) at Essexville Garber (9-0) - Friday 7:30  
Sandusky (7-2) at Millington (7-2) - Saturday 1

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Macomb Lutheran North (6-3) at Clawson (6-3) - Saturday 7  
Detroit Country Day (4-4) at Detroit Crockett (5-4) - Saturday 7 at Mumford

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Melvindale (6-2) at Erie-Mason (9-0) - Friday 7  
Highland Park (7-2) at Livonia Clarenceville (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**DIVISION 6**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Iron River West Iron County (5-4) at Iron Mountain (7-2) - Saturday 2  
Ishpeming Westwood (7-2) at Ironwood (7-2) - Friday 8

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

*Geographic Pairings implemented for this District*

Ishpeming (5-4) at Negaunee (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
**Indian River Inland Lakes (6-3) at Suttons Bay (8-1)** - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

**Lake City (7-2)** at Whittemore-Prescott (8-0) - Friday 7:30  
**Kingsley (8-1) at McBain (8-1)** - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

Ravenna (6-3) at Montague (8-1) - Friday 7:30  
Hesperia (7-2) at Sanford Meridian (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Niles Brandywine (5-3) at Hopkins (8-1) - Saturday 1  
Schoolcraft (7-1) at Hartford (8-1) - Friday 7

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Union City (6-3) at Hudson (7-2) - Saturday 1  
Quincy (7-2) at Addison (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Reese (6-3) at Pigeon Laker (9-0) - Friday 7:30  
Unionville-Sebewaing (6-3) at St Charles (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Byron (6-3) at Leslie (9-0) - Friday 7  
Lake Fenton (7-2) at Ithaca (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**DIVISION 7**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Norway (6-3) at Stephenson (9-0) - Friday 7  
**Central Lake (7-2)** at St Ignace (8-1) - Friday 7

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Mio (6-3) at **Traverse City St Francis (8-1)** - Saturday 7:30  
**Johannesburg-Lewiston (5-4)** at Coleman (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Pewamo-Westphalia (6-3) at Muskegon Catholic Central (8-1) - Saturday 1  
New Lothrop (8-1) at Merrill (9-0) - Friday 7

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

Lawrence (6-3) at Decatur (9-0) - Friday 7  
Eau Claire (7-2) at Gobles (8-1) - Saturday 1

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Concord (5-4) at Mendon (7-1) - Saturday 1  
White Pigeon (6-3) at Pottsville (7-2) - Saturday 1

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Sand Creek (6-3) at Jonesville (8-1) - Saturday 1  
Grass Lake (6-3) at Ottawa Lake Whiteford (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Memphis (7-2) at Harbor Beach (7-2) - Friday 7:30  
Uby (7-2) at Deckerville (7-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Detroit Loyola (6-3) at Whitmore Lake (7-2) - Friday 7:30  
Grosse Pointe Woods Liggett (5-4) at Detroit St Martin dePorres (6-3)

**DIVISION 8**

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 1**

Baraga (6-3) at Iron Mountain North Dickinson (9-0) - Friday 7  
Crystal Falls Forest Park (6-3) at Bark River-Harris (8-1) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 1 — DISTRICT 2**

Rapid River (6-3) at **Gaylord St Mary (9-0)** - Friday 7  
Rock Mid-Peninsula (7-2) at Posen (9-0) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 1**

Mt Pleasant Sacred Heart (6-3) at **Manistee Catholic (8-1)** - Saturday 12:30  
Beal City (6-3) at **Frankfort (7-2)** - Saturday 1

**REGION 2 — DISTRICT 2**

Vestaburg (5-4) at Fowler (9-0) - Friday 7  
Ashley (6-3) at Fulton-Middleton (7-2) - Friday 7

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 1**

Battle Creek St Philip (5-4) at Covert (5-2) - Friday 7  
Litchfield (6-3) at St Joseph Lake Mich Catholic (6-3) - Saturday 3 at Watervliet

**REGION 3 — DISTRICT 2**

Dearborn St Alphonsus (5-3) at Taylor Light & Life (9-0) - Friday 7  
North Adams Jerome (7-2) at Waterford Our Lady (7-2) - Saturday 1:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 1**

Marine City Cardinal Mooney (6-3) at Kingston (7-2) - Saturday 1  
Peck (6-3) at North Branch Wesleyan (6-2) - Friday 7:30

**REGION 4 — DISTRICT 2**

Harper Woods Lutheran East (5-4) at Detroit Benedictine (7-2) - Saturday 2  
Harper Woods Trinity (7-2) at Center Line St Clement (9-0) - Saturday 1