

# **HAWKEYE TEN CONFERENCE**

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## **Hawkeye Ten Conference Announces Membership Changes Beginning in 2026–2027 School Year**

Following approval from the state conference realignment committee, the **Hawkeye Ten Conference** has approved membership changes that will take effect beginning with the **2026–2027 school year**.

As part of the approved realignment:

- **Lewis Central Community School District** will leave the Hawkeye Ten Conference and join the **Missouri River Conference**.
- **Shenandoah Community School District** and **Red Oak Community School District** will depart the Hawkeye Ten Conference and join the **Western Iowa Conference**.
- **Carroll Community School District** will leave the **Raccoon River Conference** and become the newest member of the Hawkeye Ten Conference.

Conference officials noted that these moves reflect ongoing efforts across school districts to maintain competitive balance, manage travel considerations, and position schools in conferences that best fit their enrollment and geographic needs.

The Hawkeye Ten Conference has a long and proud history of athletic and academic competition across the region. The conference traces its roots back to **1930**, when the **Hawkeye 6 Conference** was formed with member schools including **Atlantic, Clarinda, Creston, Red Oak, Shenandoah, and Villisca**.

The modern **Hawkeye Ten Conference** was officially formed in **1993**, bringing together schools from across southwest Iowa including Denison-Schleswig, Carroll Kuemper, Harlan, Lewis Central, Glenwood, Red Oak, Clarinda, Creston, Shenandoah, and Atlantic.

The conference most recently expanded in **2012**, when **St. Albert Catholic Schools** joined as the league's eleventh member.

Conference leadership expressed appreciation for the long-standing rivalries and relationships shared with Lewis Central, Shenandoah, and Red Oak during their time in the Hawkeye Ten, while also welcoming Carroll as the conference's newest member beginning in the 2026–2027 school year.

"These schools have been tremendous members of the Hawkeye Ten, and their contributions to the conference's competitive tradition are deeply valued," conference officials said. "At the same time, we are excited to welcome Carroll and look forward to the new rivalries and opportunities that lie ahead for our student-athletes, coaches, and communities."

Additional scheduling details and conference alignment information for the 2026–2027 school year will be released at a later date.