



## KHSAL: High School Sports in a Parallel World



From 1917, when the Kentucky High School Athletic Association formed, to 1956, Jim Crow segregation in Kentucky prohibited black and white children from attending school together and even prohibited black schools from participating in athletic contests against white schools. Black schools could not join KHSAA. That left it up to each school or to district committees to govern athletics at African American schools.



A segregated elementary school in Frankfort, Kentucky. (Photo from KHS Collections.)

The Kentucky High School Athletic League started in 1932 with the same purpose as the white-only KHSAA: to give structure and guidance to African American high school sports across the state and to encourage clean athletic participation.

KHSAL had 69 member schools.

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