Officials at Friendship Christian School (FCS) announce today the move from Division I-A to Division II-A within the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA).

FCS President, Jon Shoulders stated, “We are excited to announce our move to TSSAA Division II-A. We have asked questions, sought answers, and listened intently to educate ourselves to make this decision and feel strongly that this is the right choice for our school at this time.”

Every four years the TSSAA assesses enrollment figures and reclassifies Tennessee member schools.

Schools across the state received a letter this month giving them the opportunity to move to Division II with the deadline for such requests by Noon on Oct. 16.

The TSSAA classification designations for its member schools will be for the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

“We want to be competitive in athletics and have recently achieved noted success. We are very proud of our state championships in various sports; but our commitment remains unwavering to educate our students, mind, body and soul. The FCS Board of Directors, administration, coaching staff and entire faculty all agree that it is our utmost priority to hold in highest regard the mission of our school. This decision is in support of our mission to provide an excellent education in a Christian environment to our growing student body.” said Shoulders.

The shift to the Division II now affords the opportunity for current FCS students receiving financial aid to participate in athletics. “We truly believe that choice matters. We want to offer the opportunity to all who desire a Christian education the choice to be part of the FCS experience and pursue their academic, spiritual and athletic aspirations.” Shoulders noted.

He continues, “This division will offer great competition with schools similar in size and in purpose. We will join other regional Tennessee area schools participating in Division II-A. Please contact our Director of Admissions, Terresia Williams, at (615)449-1573 to schedule a tour of our school and explore the possibilities.”

About Friendship Christian School

Founded in 1973, Friendship Christian School (www.FriendshipChristian.org) is a nondenominational, college preparatory, coeducational day school in Lebanon, Tennessee.

The mission of Friendship Christian School is to provide an excellent education in a Christian environment.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Friendship Christian School educates students in grades K3-12.

To learn more about Friendship Christian School, or to schedule a private tour of the 50-acre campus, please call (615)449-1573 or visit www.FriendshipChristian.org. Choice Matters. Choose Friendship.