

## NDHSAA Coop Application

**Please review coop guidelines prior to beginning the application process.**

This single form is to be used by all schools involved in this cooperative sponsorship application. This application will be accepted and presented to the NDHSAA Board of Directors only upon all schools entering the required information. Each school must provide an official signature. Separate applications must be used for gender specific athletics. Fine arts are not gender specific.

• EVER BOARD - AFTER  
SEPT 1 DEADLINE  
• LATE FEE  
• NO JH COOPS IN FORCE

If approved, this coop would begin in school year: 2016-17

Grades involved with this application: Please check one. (7-8) X (7-12)      (9-12)     

Name of schools involved in this application: Host school must be listed first.

### Enrollments for grades involved

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|--|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. <u>Midway Public School</u>             | 7-8 <u>28 (10 boys)</u> | 7-12 <u>    </u> | 9-12 <u>    </u> |
| 2. <u>Minto Public School</u>              | 7-8 <u>30 (15 boys)</u> | 7-12 <u>    </u> | 9-12 <u>    </u> |
| 3. <u>                                </u> | 7-8 <u>    </u>         | 7-12 <u>    </u> | 9-12 <u>    </u> |
| 4. <u>                                </u> | 7-8 <u>    </u>         | 7-12 <u>    </u> | 9-12 <u>    </u> |
| 5. <u>                                </u> | 7-8 <u>    </u>         | 7-12 <u>    </u> | 9-12 <u>    </u> |

Activity covered by this application: 7/8 Boys' basketball (ex: girls' basketball, speech etc.)

List official coop name: Midway/Minto Mascot or nickname: Mustangs  
(Coop name and mascot must be the same as other coops if the same schools are involved.)

Fill in the current participation numbers for each grade for each school involved: Indicate if you did not sponsor (DNS) this activity the previous year. Boys and girls enrollments are combined only for fine arts.

School #1:	(7-8) <u>3</u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>	DNS <u>    </u>
School #2:	(7-8) <u>9</u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>	DNS <u>    </u>
School #3:	(7-8) <u>    </u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>	DNS <u>    </u>
School #4:	(7-8) <u>    </u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>	DNS <u>    </u>
School #5:	(7-8) <u>    </u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>	DNS <u>    </u>

Fill in next year's projected participation numbers for each grade for each school involved: Boys and girls enrollments may be combined for fine arts only.

School #1:	(7-8) <u>5</u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>
School #2:	(7-8) <u>9</u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>
School #3:	(7-8) <u>    </u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>
School #4:	(7-8) <u>    </u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>
School #5:	(7-8) <u>    </u>	(7-12) <u>    </u>	(9-12) <u>    </u>

In the space provided, please list the reasons for requesting this coop application:

As of last spring, Midway thought it would have enough boys to support a team. Several of those families have moved away and now the numbers aren't there. We want to expand the current coop so that the 7/8<sup>th</sup> boys at Midway don't miss any seasons at such an important developmental stage and, perhaps, choose to not participate in the coop when they get to high school. Midway has explored using 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as they've done in the past, but even with that, there would be only 3 players which doesn't allow for rests, injuries, sickness, ineligibilities or other absences.

If approved, will this coop affect other schools: please circle: (Yes) (No) If yes, how? It will actually benefit other schools. This coop will allow for 7<sup>th</sup> grade games and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games. This will allow schools who have already scheduled a JH game with Midway to still play the same number of games by playing a 7<sup>th</sup> grade game and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade game.

Is this the nearest opportunity for schools to coop? please circle: (Yes) (No)  
If No, Please indicate why closer school(s) are not included in this application.

Has displacement of student been considered by each school? (Yes) (No)

Is the reason for this application to improve competition levels or make participation available. Explain:  
The only purpose is to provide an interscholastic participation opportunity for the 3 students at Midway. They will not be able to develop their skills and participation in game situations at all without this coop.

Other information that be useful for the NDHSAA Board of Directors in reaching a decision:

The Midway School District agrees to pay the late fee if that is necessary. We request that it be waived due to unforeseen circumstances but will pay it, if necessary.

Required Signatures:

School #1: [Signature] Superintendent. Date: 11-18-16

School #2: [Signature] Superintendent. Date: 11/18/16

School #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NDHSAA Board Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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November 15, 2016

Re: Midway/Minto Coop for 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball

NDHSAA Board,

The Midway and Minto districts have cooped for HS basketball since the 2005-06 season. Until now, we each able to maintain our own 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams which we considered to be in the best interest of these young students. We had intended to have separate teams again this year but, unfortunately, several families have moved away and the migrant students do not stay through the winter so numbers do not allow for Midway to have a 7/8 boys basketball team. Our current numbers are:

Grade 8: 4 boys/2 players

Grade 7: 4 boys/1 player

Grade 6: 3 boys/1 player

Total= 11 boys/4 players

We've met with the boys on several occasions and this is all that will go out. It's not practical to expect all boys to go out for a team so, even if we got two-thirds of the boys to play, we would still have only 7 players and some of those would be 6<sup>th</sup> graders. This is barely enough players which to allow for injuries, illness, ineligibilities or other absences. But, the fact is, that we have only 4 boys who are interested in playing. For this reason, we are asking that the NDHSAA board approve a 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade coop for Midway and Minto boys basketball. Minto currently has 10 players so the extra 3 from Midway will not present a problem. In fact, it could increase playing

time for all players because they could do some 7<sup>th</sup> grade games and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games. This coop will not include any 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys. That's OK because they have their own season.

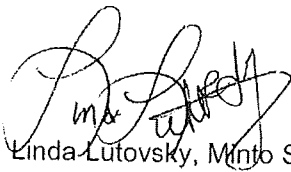
We have been told that late requests have often be rejected. We understand this when it involves high school teams that could have an impact on regional and state results. This doesn't change anything on the high school level. This coop merely allows a very small group of young students who are in their formative years to develop their basketball skills in preparation for when they get to high school. Without this coop, these students will not have a team this year and might decide to not play high school basketball at all when they get to that level. That's would be bad for these students and it's bad for interscholastic participation.

Midway will pay the \$500 late fee, if necessary. We hope you see this as a situation in which interscholastic participation is enhanced in a manner that is not harmful to anybody. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Abbe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger Abbe, Midway Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Lutovsky', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda Lutovsky, Minto Superintendent