

## ***Alexander Public School***

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05/01/2017

Dear NDHSAA Board of Directors,

Thank you for reviewing our application for an emergency 2017-2018 football cooperative with Trenton Public School and our 2018-19 application. We are requesting consideration for allowing the emergency coop of the 1<sup>st</sup> season of the upcoming football plan.

We know are late and apologize for our tardiness in our application. Alexander School started playing six man football in the MT Conference two years ago. Our high school population was growing strong at the time but has recently began to decline which has affected our football participation. Last year, we forfeited three of our last games of the season due to injuries such as numerous concussions, a broken ankle and ruptured spleen. Forfeiting games is unfair to the other teams.

Recently, our football players have requested to school officials to join a football co-op due to the nature of the injuries and lack of participants in the 2017-18 season. When the group of dedicated athletes collectively shared their concerns, we took notice and began exploring our options for a football co-op. Our goal is to continue to participate in small school sports and Trenton allows this opportunity.

We are aware of the consequences and agree to pay all fees associated with the tardy application.

Thank you for your consideration,



Leslie Bieber  
Superintendent  
Alexander Public School

Superintendent - Leslie Bieber

Business Manager – Barbara Fixen

Secondary Principal – Shannon Faller

Elementary Principal – Karen Shaide

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## NDHSAA Coop Application

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• EXCEL BOARD - SEPT 15  
DEADLINE

• LATE FEE

• CURRENT 9-12 COOP

TRENTON

WILLISTON TRINITY CHRISTIAN '07

If approved, this coop would begin in school year: 2017-2018

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

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

### Enrollments for grades involved

1. <u>Trenton High School</u>	7-8	7-12	<u>113</u>	9-12
2. <u>Alexander Public School</u>	7-8	7-12	<u>72</u>	9-12
3. _____	7-8	7-12	_____	9-12
4. _____	7-8	7-12	_____	9-12
5. _____	7-8	7-12	_____	9-12

Activity covered by this application: Football (ex: girls' basketball, speech etc.)

List official coop name: Trenton/Alexander Cooperative Mascot or nickname: Tigers

(Coop name and mascot must be the same as other coops if the same schools are involved.)

Trenton Trinity Christian / Alexander Cooperative

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>16</u>	(7-12) _____	(9-12) <u>17</u>	DNS _____
School #2: (7-8) <u>2</u>	(7-12) _____	(9-12) <u>6</u>	DNS _____
School #3: (7-8) _____	(7-12) _____	(9-12) <u>4</u>	DNS _____
School #4: (7-8) _____	(7-12) _____	(9-12) _____	DNS _____
School #5: (7-8) _____	(7-12) _____	(9-12) _____	DNS _____

Trinity Christian

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. 2017-18

School #1: (7-8) <u>15</u>	(7-12) <u>34</u>	(9-12) <u>19</u>
School #2: (7-8) <u>3</u>	(7-12) _____	(9-12) <u>2</u>
School #3: (7-8) _____	(7-12) _____	(9-12) <u>0</u>
School #4: (7-8) _____	(7-12) _____	(9-12) _____
School #5: (7-8) _____	(7-12) _____	(9-12) _____

Trinity Christian

\* Trenton is coupled with Trinity Christian (9-12) for next two yr cycle.  
- There are no TCS boys projected to play next yr

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

Alexander Public School started playing 6 man football in 2015-2016 against the MT Conference teams. Our desire was to play 6 man in ND, once it was established. Due to the lack of projected enrollment and student participation, we only have 9 students at the high school and 3 at the junior high interested in playing football. Nine players are not adequate for a 6 man team in the high school and of course 3 is not sufficient for a team.

If approved, will this coop affect other schools: please circle: ☒ (Yes) (No) If yes, how? We have games scheduled in the MT conference for the 2018-19 year. Recently, our football players informed the school officials that they want a co-op with another school due to the many injuries that occurred in the last season playing with only 6 participants. The MT conference is aware that we will not have a team in 2017-2018 school year.

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.

In order to participate in class B sports, Trenton is the closest school for Alexander.

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:  
Due to the low numbers of football participants, Alexander will need to co-op for an estimated four years in order to make participation available. We currently have over 20 participants in our upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade six man football program. If we do not have a co-op, we will not have an opportunity for the high school students to play football.

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

Over the past two years, Alexander's high school athletic population has decreased. Last year, we had to forfeit 3 of our last football games due to injuries that included concussions, broken ankle and a ruptured spleen. Our overall school enrollment has remained steady due to our elementary grades but we have seen a drop at the high school level. We have upcoming numbers in the lower grades and we are working to build the athletic spirit with our youth programs. In order to foster the football spirit, our younger kids need to continue to see our older kids participate. A co-op is not only to allow our high school kids to participate in the sport but also is a major link in our program development.

Required Signatures:

School #1: Tim Miller Superintendent. Date: 5/2/2017

School #2: Leshie Roben Superintendent. Date: 5/2/17

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

School #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School #5 \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Approved: January 23, 2009---latest review: October 8, 2009

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NO FEE  
CURRENT 9-12 COOP  
TRENTON  
WILLISTON TRENTON CITIZENRY

If approved, this coop would begin in school year: 2018-2019

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| School #1: (7-8) <u>14</u> | (7-12) _____ | (9-12) <u>18</u> | DNS _____ |
| School #2: (7-8) <u>3</u>  | (7-12) _____ | (9-12) <u>7</u>  | DNS _____ |
| School #3: (7-8) _____     | (7-12) _____ | (9-12) _____     | DNS _____ |
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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.

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| School #1: (7-8) <u>15</u> | (7-12) _____ | (9-12) <u>20</u> |
| School #2: (7-8) <u>9</u>  | (7-12) _____ | (9-12) <u>10</u> |
| School #3: (7-8) _____     | (7-12) _____ | (9-12) _____     |
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In the space provided, please list the reasons for requesting this coop application:

Alexander Public School does not have an adequate number of football athletes in order to play the sport and keep the student's safe.

If approved, will this coop affect other schools: please circle: (Yes) (No) If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is the reason for this application to improve competition levels or make participation available? Explain:  
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