

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.

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If approved, this coop would begin in school year: **Fall 2026**

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

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

Enrollments for grades involved

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| 1. New England Public School | ___ | 7-8 | ___ | 7-12 | <u>120</u> | ___ | 9-12 | ___ |
| 2. Mott/Regent Public School | ___ | 7-8 | ___ | 7-12 | <u>87</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: **Girls' Cross Country** (ex: girls' basketball, speech etc.)

List official coop name: **Hettinger County** _____ Mascot or nickname: **Huskies** _____
(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.

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

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

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

New England Public School has sponsored a girls' cross country program for the past four seasons; however, participation numbers have remained low, resulting in student-athletes competing primarily as individuals rather than as a full team. During the current season, Mott/Regent Public School had student interest in girls' cross country participation. In response, a memorandum of understanding was established between New England Public School and Mott/Regent Public School, allowing Mott/Regent student-athletes to practice with New England and share coaching services. All Mott/Regent participants competed under their respective school designation at interscholastic meets.

The Hettinger County Co-op Committee discussed bringing the schools together to address these ongoing participation challenges. By forming this co-op, the intent is to combine student numbers in order to provide a sustainable cross country program that allows students to compete as a team rather than solely as individuals, while ensuring continued access to the sport for student-athletes from all participating schools.

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

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.

New England Public School has had their own girls' cross country program for a few years. New England would be the closest opportunity for the Mott/Regent students to participate. New England and Mott/Regent are also cooped in football and track forming the Hettinger County Huskies.

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

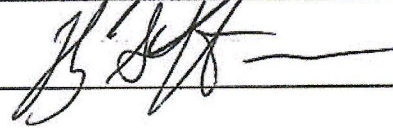
Is the reason for this application to improve competition levels or make participation available. Explain:

The Hettinger County Co-op Committee discussed bringing the schools together to address these ongoing participation challenges. By forming this co-op, the intent is to combine student numbers in order to provide a sustainable golf program that allows students to compete as a team rather than solely as individuals, while ensuring continued access to the sport for student-athletes from all participating schools.

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

Required Signatures:

School #1:  Superintendent. Date: 1/5/2026

School #2:  Superintendent. Date: 1/5/2026

School #3: _____ Superintendent. Date: _____

School #4 _____ Superintendent. Date: _____

School #5 _____ Superintendent. Date: _____

NDHSAA Board Action: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____