

NMAA ELIGIBILITY PETITION DOCUMENT GUIDE



1. Please use the following table when submitting eligibility petitions
2. Please ensure the student is academically eligible prior to submitting the eligibility packet
3. Please ensure all petition paperwork is handled and filled out by school administration
4. Please submit all required documents for the rule you are petitioning
5. Please ensure all documents are submitted together at one time

***Note:** Transfer students must be petitioned for “varsity” eligibility if they have not been enrolled in your school for 365 calendar days. No petition needs to be submitted to the NMAA for sub-varsity participation, but a form C must be sent to the former school and kept on file once returned.

BYLAW	SECTION DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
6.4.1.A.1	Open Enrollment – 9th grader first time competing at HS level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No documentation required for eligibility
6.4.1.A.2	Open Enrollment – 8 th grader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Grade Participation Form • Student must reside in the attendance zone or be currently enrolled in the school he/she will be participating for (K-12, 6-12, 7-12, etc).
6.4.1.A.3	Open Enrollment – Out-of-state transfer, first time in the state of New Mexico, living outside school’s attendance zone (must have moved with family into the state of New Mexico)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form A • Form C • Most recent transcripts • One-year lease or purchase agreement
6.5.1	Bona Fide Residence – Transfer moving with family into school’s attendance zone <i>(students transferring back to their home attendance zone school after an open enrollment choice out of zone, are not bona fide residents – see “Transfer Student”)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form A • Form C • Complete transcripts • One-year lease or purchase agreement • Utility to back up residence address
6.5.1.B	Bona Fide Residence – Family living with Family Transfer moving into school attendance zone but living in a residence not in their parent/guardian’s name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form A • Form C • Complete transcripts • Notarized statement from lessee/homeowner that family is living in the residence full time • Document showing proof that parent/guardian is living at said address (phone, insurance, medical, etc.)
6.6.1	Transfer Student – Transfer residing outside of school’s attendance zone (or coming back to home attendance zone after an open enrollment choice) or residing with someone other than his/her legal guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form A • Form C • Complete transcripts
6.7.1	Guardianship – Court Ordered Guardianship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form A • Form C • Complete transcripts • One-year lease or purchase agreement • Utility to back up residence address • District court judicial authority decree in place for at least one year
6.7.2	Guardianship – Deceased Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form A • Form C • Complete transcripts • One-year lease or purchase agreement • Utility to back up residence address • Court decree of guardianship

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6.7.3	Guardianship – Custodial Foster homes/facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C Complete transcripts One-year lease or purchase agreement Utility to back up residence address Court or CYFD decree identifying the custodial individual/home
6.7.4/6.7.5	Guardianship – Legally separated/Divorced parents Students may move from parent to parent and be eligible immediately provided all the following are met: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student is making his/her first move 2. Move is not within same or adjoining district 3. Move was neither athletically motivated nor was the move because of recruitment as certified by the administrators involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C Complete transcripts One-year lease or purchase agreement Utility to back up residence address Legal documents to support the separation/divorce may be requested
6.7.7	Guardianship – Boarding School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C (front side only if coming from foreign country) Complete transcripts
6.7.8	Guardianship – Parents living outside United States Parents may petition NMAA Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C (front side only if coming from foreign country) Complete transcripts Document of temporary guardianship One-year lease or purchase agreement of temporary guardian Utility to back up residence address of temporary guardian
6.8.2.A	Foreign Students – Foreign Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A CSIET Sanctioning Proof of Date of Birth
6.8.2.B	Foreign Students – Non US Citizens Foreign students who enter this country without their parents/legal guardians or via an approved CSIET program are ineligible for varsity competition for 180 school/365 calendar days (exception: boarding school rule)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C (front side only) Complete transcripts Proof of Date of Birth
6.9.2.A	Hardship Petition – Extraordinary Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C Complete transcripts Hardship form Medical or financial documentation if necessary
6.9.2.B	Did Not Participate – Students ruled transfers who did not participate in a particular sport at the previous school may petition for varsity eligibility in those sports at the new school provided they left in good standing and were academically eligible at the former school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C Complete transcripts
Federal Law	Military Compact – Students of parents enlisted in a military branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form A Form C (front side only if coming from foreign country) Complete Transcripts Military transfer orders OR residential documentation (lease or mortgage AND utility)
10.1, 10.4, 10.5, 10.7	Alternative, Charter, Home, Non-Member Private Schools - Students are eligible to participate in NMAA athletics at their attendance zone public school if not offered at their school of enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify residence attendance zone Petition for eligibility if the student was previously enrolled in another high school