



For LHSAA Use Only

Class _____

District _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

All applications are due December 15th, 2025 for the 2026-2027 school year

School Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Street Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Parish: _____ School Telephone #: _____

School Website: _____ School Color(s): _____ School Mascot: _____

Name of Principal (As reported to the Louisiana Department of Education): _____

Principal Email: _____ Principal Phone Number: _____

Athletic Director: _____ Athletic Director Email: _____

Site Code (Assigned by Louisiana State Department of Education): _____

Grade configuration as reported to the Louisiana

Department of Education as of October 1. (Check One)

K - 12 ☐ 8 - 12 ☐

6 - 12 ☐ 9 - 12 ☐

7 - 12 ☐ 10 - 12 ☐

Other: _____

Schedule configuration (Check one)

4x4 Block ☐ 6 Periods ☐

A/B Block ☐ 7 Periods ☐

Modified Block ☐ 8 Periods ☐

Other: _____

What is school's current status with the Louisiana State Department of Education?

(Check One)

- ☐ Approved (attached LDOE Approval Letter)
☐ Provisionally Approved
☐ Probationally Approved
☐ Unapproved

Student Body Composition

(Check One)

- ☐ Coed
☐ All Boys
☐ All Girls

Category of School

(Each section must have a checked box)

Section 1:

- ☐ Public
☐ Non-Public

Section 2:

- ☐ Select
☐ Non-Select

Select shall mean private or public schools that have a state or parish approved designation as a lab school, magnet school(s) with one or more magnet component(s), approved charter schools, parish wide approved open enrollment, state recovery district (RSD) application-based parish schools, tuition-based schools and/or any established academic and/or retention-days based criterion schools.

Section 3:

- ☐ Traditional
☐ Full Magnet
☐ Dual Curriculum Magnet
☐ University Lab
☐ Charter (Type of Charter _____)
☐ State Recovery School

Projected Enrollment for Next School Year

Present Enrollment				Next Year's Projected Enrollment			
Grades	Boys	Girls	Total	Grades	Boys	Girls	Total
9				9			
10				10			
11				11			
12				12			
Totals for All Grades				Totals for All Grades			

****Must have 75 students in grades 9-12 as shown on October 1 (in school year of submitted application) enrollment reported to the State Department of Education.**

CHECKLIST OF PARTICIPATING SPORTS

Check applicable sports AND select Varsity and/or Junior Varsity.

BOYS' SPORTS

SPORT	JUNIOR VARSITY LEVEL	VARSITY LEVEL
BASEBALL		
BASKETBALL		
BOWLING		
CROSS COUNTRY		
GOLF		
GYMNASTICS		
FOOTBALL		
POWERLIFTING		
SOCCER		
SWIMMING		
TENNIS		
TRACK/INDOOR		
TRACK/OUTDOOR		
WRESTLING		

GIRLS' SPORTS

SPORT	JUNIOR VARSITY LEVEL	VARSITY LEVEL
BASKETBALL		
BOWLING		
CROSS COUNTRY		
GOLF		
GYMNASTICS		
SOCCER		
SOFTBALL		
SWIMMING		
POWERLIFTING		
TENNIS		
TRACK/INDOOR		
TRACK/OUTDOOR		
VOLLEYBALL		
WRESTLING		

***If your school is approved for membership and intends to play varsity football, it will be required to post a \$10,000 bond prior to being classified and the bond shall remain in effect for the first two years of football.*

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The membership of the Association shall consist of Louisiana high schools that annually sign an LHSAA Membership Renewal Form, agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the Association, and pay membership dues according to their classification as adopted by the membership.
- 3.2 In matters pertaining to the athletic affairs of a school, the principal is responsible to the Association. All official relations with the school shall be through the principal. The member school principal shall be officially recognized by the LHSAA as the individual who is registered with the Association on the LHSAA Membership Renewal Form submitted annually by the school.
- 3.3 It shall be a school's responsibility to educate its student-athletes, coaches and other appropriate persons on all LHSAA rules, including eligibility rules along with potential penalty rulings that could affect them. Additionally, a school shall be required to monitor its compliance with all LHSAA constitutional articles and bylaws.
- 3.4 Membership in the LHSAA in accordance with the above rules shall be available to both public and non-public schools.
- 3.5 APPLICATION
- 3.5.1 A non-member school desiring membership in the LHSAA may make written application and shall supply the Executive Director's office with all requested information. To become a member of the LHSAA, the school applying for membership shall:
1. Be recognized and approved through the Louisiana State Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as LDE);
 2. Provide the Executive Committee with a true and accurate accounting of its student enrollment in all grade levels;
 3. Have its principal sign an agreement to abide by all LHSAA rules and regulations;
 4. Have a minimum of 75 actual students in the school in grades 9-12. Single gender schools shall have a minimum of 38 students in grades 9-12. The total student population should be evenly distributed between each grade level 9-12. This enrollment shall be based on the school's October 1 enrollment as verified to the LDE in the school year in which the application is to be considered.
 5. Once membership application is approved the new member school must maintain the minimum 75 actual students in the school in grades 9-12. If the new member school does not maintain the minimum number of 75 actual students after its two-year conditional basis, the school's membership will be revoked. *Exemption: All current LHSAA member schools that have been included in the previous last three (3) consecutive classifications and have met all minimum requirements per Classification Criteria Article 8.7 in the 2020-2021 Official LHSAA Handbook.*
- 3.5.2 Before a school can be admitted as a member of the LHSAA, its application shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Applications for membership shall only be considered by the Executive Committee during the spring Executive Committee meeting. A school shall not be allowed to join the LHSAA at any other time. A school shall be classified according to its enrollment. If accepted, a school's membership shall not become effective until July 1 of the next school year. A new school joining the LHSAA shall also be governed by the following requirements:

1. All new membership application shall be accepted during the fall of a reclassification school year (odd number years). Example: Applications shall be accepted between September-December 2025, and 2027.
2. A school may be admitted into the LHSAA on a conditional basis until the school is placed into a district. A new school can only be placed in a district in a reclassification year. During the conditional period, a school is subject to having its membership revoked if it is penalized for a flagrant rule violation or three other rule violations.
3. Any school applying for membership shall have its administrators, athletic director, and head coaches, attend a mandatory meeting conducted by LHSAA officials that fully reviews and explains all eligibility rules and regulations of the Association. Any administrator, athletic director, or head coaches who does not attend the mandatory meeting or who accepts one of the listed positions at the school during the one-year probation period shall be required to complete the online LHSAA Handbook Certification class or enroll, complete, and pass the LHSAA/NFHS Online Fundamentals of Coaching Course.
4. All written contracts, schedules, and agreements to participate in an invitational tournament which shall also serve as a contract in all sports shall be signed by the school principal during this conditional period.
5. Upon being accepted for membership, a school shall pay dues based on its current year's classification.
6. During the conditional period, a school and/or student(s) shall not be considered for postseason play in any branch of athletics.

I understand the principal must appear before the LHSAA Executive Committee to represent the school's application for membership.

I hereby acknowledge as the representative of this high school that membership in the LHSAA constitutes an agreement to conform to the rules and regulations of the association as adopted by the membership in accordance with Article 3 of the constitution of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

I certify that the information contained in the application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name of Principal: _____

Signature of Principal: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____ **Date:** _____

Please email this completed form to Kathie Smith at ksmith@lhsaa.org. Completed forms must be submitted by December 15 of a classification year to be considered for membership for July 1 of the beginning of a classification cycle.