

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12) EXCEPTION TO ATTENDANCE PETITION

School boundaries are established with regard to student population within each school, and students are expected to enroll at the school assigned to their residential area. However, the school district recognizes that circumstances occasionally warrant an exception to this policy. Parents may request enrollment of their child(ren) at a school outside their assigned attendance area by completing the information requested below and submitting the petition to the principal at the school requested. Petitions must be completed prior to January 31. The petition approval is specific to this school. Once the building principal has approved the petition, the school will remain the student's home school until the student leaves or school boundaries are changed.* The following guidelines are considered in the enrollment decision:

- 1) Parents reside within the Fargo School District.
- 2) Space is available within the grade level requested.
- 3) Classes meeting the educational requirements of the student are available.
- 4) Appropriate services can be provided within the case load of existing staff.
- 5) Attendance and conduct history is satisfactory.
- 6) Parents assume responsibility for reliable transportation.
- 7) Petitions must be submitted by January 31 (preparation time for the programming needs of the student).
- 8) The decision of the building level principal is final.
- 9) *When school boundaries are changed, all existing petitions become null and void. Parents must then reapply to the desired school's principal. Petition approvals will not be automatic.

NOTE: A student may complete the semester in progress at the time of the move without a petition. If the student wishes to remain the following semester, a petition must be submitted.

Extracurricular Eligibility: Exceptions to Attendance will not be granted for athletic or activity participation reasons. Any student in grades 7-12 who is changing schools on an Exception to Attendance petition will be ineligible to register and participate at the varsity level of all NDHSAA- sponsored athletic and fine arts activities for a period of 180 school days. Any student in grades 7- 12 who returns to attend the school in his/her area of legal residence, will be considered a transfer student and ineligible to register for and participate at the varsity level of all NDHSAA- sponsored athletic and fine arts activities for the remainder of the school year.

A. School Requested _____ School of Residence _____

B. Student's Name _____ Grade Requested _____

C. Name of parent(s) _____

D. Address _____ Home Phone _____ Day Phone _____

E. Effective date of desired placement _____ Initial Request ___ Continuing Request

F. What, if any, special education or adaptive services are required? _____

Reason for preference _____

Signature of Parent

Date Signed

Districts' Decision: (circle one)	Enrollment Granted	Enrollment Denied
Reason if Denied _____		

Principal Requested School (initial)	Date	Principal Resident School (initial) Date