



# HEUVELTON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 6, 2026

Mr. Kevin Kendall, Superintendent  
Ogdensburg City School District  
1100 State Street  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Kevin:

Please consider this as formal notification of our District's request to merge with the Ogdensburg City School District in the following Interscholastic Athletic Activity for the 2026-2027 school year:

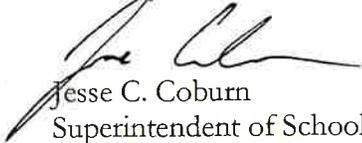
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| Fall 2026:      | Cross Country (All levels)<br>Football (All levels)   |
| Winter 2026-27: | Bowling<br>Wrestling Boys (All levels)<br>Wrestling Girls (Modified/Mixed)<br>Winter Track, Boys & Girls (All levels)<br>Winter Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity) |
| Spring 2027:    | Lacrosse Boys (All levels)<br>Spring Track, Boys & Girls (All levels)   |

This request has been discussed by the Heuvelton Board at its Wednesday, March 4, 2026 meeting and has met with its unanimous approval.

As you are most likely aware, the Policy and Procedures of Section X for Merging/Combining of Teams require you as host School Superintendent to complete the necessary forms and forward them to the Section X Office for action at its next meeting. I have enclosed a form for each sport and have signed where appropriate. If any of my staff or I can be of any further help in this process, please let me know.

On behalf of our District, its staff, the parents, and most of all, the students, thanks again to you, your coaches and most importantly your Board for helping us increase the options for all. If you have any questions regarding this request, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Jesse C. Coburn  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Jon Putney, Athletic Director  
File



Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a cross country team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 3                              |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | Estimated 1          | 1                              |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the host school? No additional cost

What, if any, are the financial obligations of the requesting school? Fees for merging

***NOTE: Financial obligations, if any, will be paid directly by the school or a school organization.***

5. Which school will be responsible for awards? OFA

Which school will be responsible for practice and game transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6. Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7. Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain the procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Cross Country  
Boys and Girls at the Mod & Var Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\*

3/6/26  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the **Host** Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COMBINING of SCHOOLS POLICY:** As per NYSPHSAA Handbook,  
*Section 10 form required <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Classifications>*

1. The joining together of students from two or more schools shall be permitted for the following reasons provided certain criteria are established and substantiated:

- a. Lack of enough participants in one or more schools in some or all sports.
- b. Fiscal problems that force school districts to curtail or eliminate interscholastic programs.
- c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
- d. Declining enrollments.
- e. In unusual situations, lack of proper facilities, i.e. swimming pool.

2. Special factors that need local consideration:

a. United and consistent decisions on the following details are mentioned for those who may be considering combinations. This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations:

- (1) Transportation - how, when, where, etc.
- (2) Medical information - common student medical forms
- (3) Insurance - similar or the same
- (4) Joint agreement on athletic behavior codes
- (5) Joint agreement on eligibility codes
- (6) Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate
- (7) Advanced Placement Process - exchange copies of paper work etc.
- (8) Financial obligations for requesting/hosting school-(flat fee or per athlete)  
**\*Are there future plans and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs?**

b. Any student who previously participated on a combined program must return to his/her home school once that school has established its own program.

3. Listed procedures for combinations:

- a. Schools seeking to combine must be dues paying members of NYSPHSAA and Section X.
- b. All schools in a combination must have Board of Education approval.
- c. All schools in a combination must have approval of the league. (If not a member of a league, apply directly to Section X).
- d. The Athletic Director of the host school is responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the Section X office prior to the start of the respective sport season.
- e. A master copy of all completed merger/combined school applications will be provided to the Athletic Council & Sports Coordinator prior to each sports season.
- f. The Section X Athletic Council will make the final decision and forward its decision to the applying school or schools as well as the NYSPHSAA. **\*Extensions beyond the date may be considered by the Executive Committee on a case by case. Requests for extensions and the circumstances must be provided in writing. However, this does not guarantee approval.**

g. If a combined team enters sectional level competition their official BEDS shall be combined for placement in tournament competition.

h. All schools participating in a combination for a **varsity** level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.

i. The application deadline for all merger/combined school applications:

Fall August 1<sup>st</sup>, Winter November 1<sup>st</sup> & Spring March 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. The merger /combinations are not complete until approved by both Section X and NYSPHSAA.



Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a football team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 32                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | 11                   | 11                             |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

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What, if any, are the financial obligations of the requesting school? Fees for merging

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5. Which school will be responsible for awards? OFA

Which school will be responsible for practice and game transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6. Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7. Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain the procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Football  
Boys only at the Mod, Jv, Var Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\* 3/13/26  
Date

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Signature of the **Host** Superintendent Date

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h. All schools participating in a combination for a **varsity** level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.

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Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a boys wrestling team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 10                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | 2                    | 3                              |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the host school? No additional cost

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5. Which school will be responsible for awards? OFA

Which school will be responsible for practice and game transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6. Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7. Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain the procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Boys wrestling  
Boys Only Varsity (Potential at the Mod, Jv, Var Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
Girls for @ Mod only)  
 (Boys only, Girls only) (Both ) (MOD, JV, VAR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\* 3/13/26  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of the **Host** Superintendent Date

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- c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
- d. Declining enrollments.
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- (5) Joint agreement on eligibility codes
- (6) Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate
- (7) Advanced Placement Process - exchange copies of paper work etc.
- (8) Financial obligations for requesting/hosting school-(flat fee or per athlete)  
*\*Are there future plans and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs?*

b. Any student who previously participated on a combined program must return to his/her home school once that school has established its own program.

3. Listed procedures for combinations:

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g. If a combined team enters sectional level competition their official BEDS shall be combined for placement in tournament competition.

h. All schools participating in a combination for a **varsity** level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.

i. The application deadline for all merger/combined school applications:

Fall August 1<sup>st</sup>, Winter November 1<sup>st</sup> & Spring March 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. The merger /combinations are not complete until approved by both Section X and NYSPHSAA.



Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a winter indoor track team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 12                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | 2                    | 3                              |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the host school? No additional cost

What, if any, are the financial obligations of the requesting school? Fees for merging

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5. Which school will be responsible for awards? OFA

Which school will be responsible for practice and game transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6. Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7. Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain the procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Indoor Track  
Boys and Girls at the 7-12"Varsity" Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
 (Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

  
 Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\*

3/13/26  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of the **Host** Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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- c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
- d. Declining enrollments.
- e. In unusual situations, lack of proper facilities, i.e. swimming pool.

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h. All schools participating in a combination for a **varsity** level sport are each responsible for paying the sport fee for that sport when paying their school dues.

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Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a boys ice hockey team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 27                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | 2                    | 1                              |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

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The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Ice Hockey  
Boys only at the Varsity Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\* 3/13/26  
Date

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**Section 10 Athletics  
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Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a bowling team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 16                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | Estimated 4          | 3                              |

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Boys and Girls at the Mod, Varsity Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\*

3/13/26  
Date

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Fall August 1<sup>st</sup>, Winter November 1<sup>st</sup> & Spring March 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. The merger /combinations are not complete until approved by both Section X and NYSPHSAA.



Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a boys lacrosse team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 21                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | 1                    | 0                              |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

What, if any, are the financial obligations to the host school? No additional cost

What, if any, are the financial obligations of the requesting school? Fees for merging

**NOTE:** *Financial obligations, if any, will be paid directly by the school or a school organization.*

5. Which school will be responsible for awards? OFA

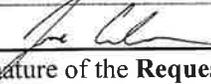
Which school will be responsible for practice and game transportation? OFA

Which school will be responsible for the coach? OFA

6. Which facility will be used for practices and contests? OFA

7. Do the schools involved participate in the Advanced Placement Process? If one or more do not, please explain the procedure to be used. (use back of form)

The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Boys Lacrosse  
Boys only at the Mod, JV, Var Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

  
Signature of the **Requesting** Superintendent\*

3/13/26  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the **Host** Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COMBINING of SCHOOLS POLICY:** As per NYSPHSAA Handbook,  
*Section 10 form required <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Classifications>*

1. The joining together of students from two or more schools shall be permitted for the following reasons provided certain criteria are established and substantiated:

- a. Lack of enough participants in one or more schools in some or all sports.
- b. Fiscal problems that force school districts to curtail or eliminate interscholastic programs.
- c. The inability to secure qualified coaches.
- d. Declining enrollments.
- e. In unusual situations, lack of proper facilities, i.e. swimming pool.

2. Special factors that need local consideration:

a. United and consistent decisions on the following details are mentioned for those who may be considering combinations. This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations:

- (1) Transportation - how, when, where, etc.
- (2) Medical information - common student medical forms
- (3) Insurance - similar or the same
- (4) Joint agreement on athletic behavior codes
- (5) Joint agreement on eligibility codes
- (6) Policies on absentees being or not being allowed to participate
- (7) Advanced Placement Process - exchange copies of paper work etc.
- (8) Financial obligations for requesting/hosting school-(flat fee or per athlete)  
**\*Are there future plans and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs?**

b. Any student who previously participated on a combined program must return to his/her home school once that school has established its own program.

3. Listed procedures for combinations:

- a. Schools seeking to combine must be dues paying members of NYSPHSAA and Section X.
- b. All schools in a combination must have Board of Education approval.
- c. All schools in a combination must have approval of the league. (If not a member of a league, apply directly to Section X).
- d. The Athletic Director of the host school is responsible for completing the form and submitting it to the Section X office prior to the start of the respective sport season.
- e. A master copy of all completed merger/combined school applications will be provided to the Athletic Council & Sports Coordinator prior to each sports season.
- f. The Section X Athletic Council will make the final decision and forward its decision to the applying school or schools as well as the NYSPHSAA. **\*Extensions beyond the date maybe considered by the Executive Committee on a case by case. Requests for extensions and the circumstances must be provided in writing. However, this does not guarantee approval.**

g. If a combined team enters sectional level competition their official BEDS shall be combined for placement in tournament competition.

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Section 10 Athletics  
**COMBINED TEAMS APPLICATION**

1. Describe the reason(s) for this request and any history that will help demonstrate need:  
Heuvelton doesn't have enough players to form a spring outdoor track team independently.

2. List all schools considered: Indicate their anticipated number of participants and league record for the previous year.

| HOST SCHOOL             | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ogdensburg Free Academy | 306              | TBD                  | 46                             |
| REQUESTING SCHOOL       | Classification # | Current # of Players | Total # of Players Last Season |
| Heuvelton Central       | 111              | 3                    | 4                              |

3. What name will the team use? OFA

4. Which Athletic Director is responsible for the team? OFA

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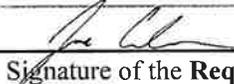
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The following schools: 1. Heuvelton Central 2. Ogdensburg Free Academy  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

have agreed, with the Board of Education approval, to combine in the sport of: Outdoor Track

Boys and Girls at the Mod, JV, Var Level, during the 2026-27 school year.  
(Boys only, Girls only) (Both) (MOD, JV, VAR)

  
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3/13/26

Date

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