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NOMMA Recruitment and Enrollment Plan

2024-2025

Mission: Provide a high-quality academic program and character education to students, grades 8 – 12, in order to enable them to fully achieve their personal potential, be productive citizens, and succeed in life.

Description: The New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy (NOMMA) is a Type 2 charter school located in Algiers on the west bank of New Orleans, neighboring the Marine Forces Reserve national headquarters. Type 2 charter schools are authorized by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and can enroll students from any parish throughout the state. The only requirement for entrance is mandatory participation in NOMMA's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) program. NOMMA is unique as a public school that has 100% student body participation in JROTC. Our diverse and talented cadet corps is taught by retired Marine Instructors and Civilian Teachers who offer caring mentorship to enable our cadets to achieve their academic and personal potential. NOMMA provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, as well as career and technical education, to prepare students for future success and to accept the responsibilities of citizenship.

MCJROTC: The intent of this comprehensive leadership and character education program is to instill in all our cadets the value of citizenship, service to the community and country, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. Enrollment in the MCJROTC program is mandatory.

Support to Military Families: In order to accommodate the unique needs of military families, NOMMA offers priority enrollment to the dependents of military members. For the purposes of this enrollment preference, the dependent of a military family is defined as a student with a parent or guardian who is a:

- a. Member of the Armed Forces on active duty,
- b. Member of the Reserve Component or National Guard,
- c. Retiree from the Armed Forces active duty, Reserve Component, National Guard; or
- d. Federal civilian employee working for the military/Department of Defense.

Enrollment, General:

In accordance with the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy, NOMMA participates in the Orleans Parish unified enrollment system.

Title 28, Part CXXXIX. Bulletin 126_Charter Schools; §2709. Enrollment of Students, Lottery, and Waitlist in BESE-Authorized Schools

All BESE-authorized charter schools (type 2, type 4, and type 5 charter schools) physically located in Orleans Parish shall participate in the unified enrollment system and expulsion process established by the recovery school district for Orleans Parish, with the exception of virtual charter schools, and shall continue to participate in the unified enrollment system and expulsion process upon the management of its transfer to the Orleans Parish School Board pursuant to 17:10.7.1. The department of education shall have discretion to determine on an individual basis whether to require virtual charter schools physically located in Orleans Parish to participate in the unified enrollment system and expulsion process. BESE-authorized charter schools participating in the unified enrollment system and expulsion process may retain admission requirements, geographic preferences, sibling preferences, and disciplinary regulations unrelated to expulsions, if authorized by law or BESE policy. BESE shall retain authority over the approval of amendments to charter contracts for such type 2 and type 4 charter schools for adjustments to grade levels served and enrollment projections. Schools participating in the unified enrollment and expulsion process shall not be permitted to maintain student waitlists.

Enrollment Requirements:

NOMMA is an open-enrollment school and does not employ admission testing for entrance. Students residing in any parish within Louisiana are eligible for enrollment.

The following is required of prospective applicants:

- Parent/Guardian and student must participate in NOMMA Open House.
- Student must be entering grades 8 through 11.
- Students must participate in MCJROTC, grades 8 through 12.
- Only Military Dependents will be considered for 12th grade enrollment.

Open House: This is an informational session that allows parents/guardians and students to gain a fuller understanding of the academy and its programs, including requirements associated with MCJROTC (e.g. uniform and grooming standards).

Dates and times for NOMMA Open House sessions will be posted on the school website at nomma.net.

Enrollment System:

NOLA Public Schools Enrollment Office (EnrollNOLAPS) provides students and families with the opportunity to choose a school that best suits their interests and needs through the centralized enrollment process. EnrollNOLAPS is guided by the principles of Fairness, Transparency, and Efficiency.

NOMMA coordinates with EnrollNOLAPS with respect to enrollment and utilizes Orleans Parish unified enrollment system, known as NCAP. Instructions on the enrollment process, eligibility and application requirements (including grades at which NOMMA enrolls or does not enroll new students), due dates for applications, and additional information is available at the following website:

[NOLA Public Schools Enrollment - EnrollNOLAPS](#)

Families may contact the school directly to inquire about seat availability and enrollment or check [enrollnolaps.com](#).

Late applicants must enroll at a designated Family Resource Center. Families may email the Family Resource Center, call 504-547-6652, and leave a message for more information or schedule a [Friday virtual appointment](#).

Military dependents may enroll at NOMMA at any point in the year. Contact registration@nomma.net.

Application: Application forms are available online at [NOLA Public Schools Enrollment - EnrollNOLAPS.com](#) and on the school website at [nomma.net](#). All families may submit their NOLA-PS Common Application Process via EnrollNOLAPS.

Important Dates: Application submission dates for the upcoming school year are available at the following link: [Apply for Next Year: 2025-2026 - EnrollNOLAPS.com](#)

Below is the general application timeline:

- Main Round Opens: November 2024
- Main Round Closes: Mid-January 2025
- Results available: April 2025

Marketing / Recruitment

NOLA Public Schools Responsibilities:

- NOLA Public Schools will make all reasonable efforts to provide schools with notification about the process timeline 30 days prior to the annual cycle launching each year.
- NOLA Public Schools will make all reasonable efforts to provide schools with adequate notice and access to district-sponsored recruiting events.

NOMMA Responsibilities:

- NOMMA may create, produce, and distribute any school-specific marketing materials or advertisements at its own expense and using its own distribution vehicles.
- NOMMA may conduct recruitment visits to middle schools with prior coordination and approval of said school.
- NOMMA will host Open House sessions for prospective candidates, which will also serve as a recruiting resource.
- NOMMA will consider and advertise school enrollment information in parishes surrounding Orleans Parish as these families are not necessarily familiar with the Orleans Parish unified enrollment system, NOLA-PS Common Application Process (NCAP).

Enrollment of Students with Exceptionalities

NOMMA enrolls students with exceptionalities in compliance with all applicable laws. NOMMA attempts to

enroll a percentage of students that is reflective of the number of students with exceptionalities being served in the local public school districts from which the charter school enrolls its students in accordance with La. R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i). This is not a quota or a cap on the enrollment of students with exceptionalities. All students must be admitted in compliance with applicable law. In the event that NOMMA does not enroll the required percentage of students with exceptionalities in accordance with La. R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i), NOMMA will coordinate with NOLA Public Schools to assign priority enrollment to students with exceptionalities in EnrollNOLAPS.

Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students

The percentage of students enrolled in NOMMA who are economically disadvantaged, as defined in La. R.S. 17:3973, must meet the requirements of La. R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i). In the event that NOMMA does not enroll the required percentage of economically disadvantaged students in accordance with La. R.S. 17:3991(B)(1)(a)(i), NOMMA will coordinate with NOLA Public Schools to assign priority enrollment in EnrollNOLAPS.

Following is NOMMA's At Risk Table, which outlines our required ED/SWD percentages.

School Name	Enrollment Zone	Required Percentages	
New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy	Statewide	Economically Disadvantaged (ED)	Students with Disabilities (SWD)
		63.4%	9.4%

Following is NOMMA's requirements and enrollment data regarding enrollment of economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities during the 23-24 school year.

2023-2024 School Year

Enrollment Zone (EZ)	ED Population in EZ	Required Enrollment Percentage	NOMMA A 2023- 2024 ED Pop	SWD Population in EZ	Required Enrollment Percentage	NOMMA 2023- 2024 SWD Pop
Statewide	72.8%	63.4%	84.6%	11.1%	9.4%	12.4%

Non-Discrimination Requirement

It is the policy of this agency that no applicant, student, client and/or employee of the New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy shall based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, sex, disability, age or any other non-merit factor, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, which New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy operates or is applying for funding.

No person on the grounds of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, sex, disability, or age shall be subjected to discrimination, or be denied employment in connection with any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

No persons with responsibilities in the operation or administration of a program or activity (including, but not limited to student enrollment, student clubs, athletics, or advanced or CTE course offerings) shall discriminate in the terms, conditions, or privileges because of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, disability or age as may be prohibited by federal and state law.

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy does not discriminate in the rendering of services to/or employment of individuals because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other non--merit factor.

5-Year Plan:

NOMMA serves students grades 8 through 12 in the New Orleans area. In School Year 2018-2019, NOMMA added an 8th Grade class of 125 students. In order to accommodate this expansion, as an interim solution (5-7 years), NOMMA leased suites in the Federal City Retail Complex, located immediately across the street from NOMMA's main campus. This area of the campus is referred to as the "NOMMA Annex."

As of August 2023, NOMMA has acquired property located adjacent to the existing campus on Federal City that would allow for a permanent campus expansion, to include both renovation of historic buildings and new construction that would support new and improved academic facilities, classrooms, offices, conference rooms, a gymnasium, and outdoor athletic spaces. NOMMA's future target number for the overall student count is 1200; however, this is contingent on campus space capacity and maximum allowable occupancy once campus and building plans are finalized.

For reference, for School Year 2024-2025, NOMMA's Target Enrollment #s are identified below:

- o 8th Grade: 140
- o 9th Grade: 235
- o 10th Grade: 235
- o 11th Grade: 180
- o 12th Grade: 150
- o Total: 940

School Year 2025-2026 Enrollment Process

ADMISSIONS

How to apply, who is eligible to attend, and what factors determine which students are assigned. For more info on priorities and how NCAP works, click [here](#).

Application Process: NCAP

Applications Due: January 2025 (Determined by NCAP)

GRADE(S) 8

Eligibility: Louisiana residents whose parent/guardian AND applicant attend an open house or a school tour

Priority: Siblings of continuing students, applicants who are dependents of U.S. Military & D.O.D. personnel, all other applicants.

GRADE(S) 9-11

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GRADE(S) 12

Eligibility: Continuing students; Only Military Dependents will be considered for 12th grade enrollment.

Priority: N/A

SCHOOL FEATURES

Highlighted program offerings, transportation details, and other provided services.

Transportation: Yes. Yellow bus transportation is available to students in selected areas outside of Orleans Parish. Students in Orleans Parish will be provided with RTA passes.

Before Care: No

After Care: No

Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Features & Programs:

All students must participate in MCJROTC (Marine Corps Junior Officer Reserve Training Corps)

Jumpstart Pathways:

Arts, AV Technology and Communication

Business Management

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

Team Sports / After School Activities:

Contact the school for more information about additional clubs and activities.

LHSAA Athletics	JROTC Teams	Extracurricular
Baseball	Color Guard	Band
Basketball	Drill	Honor Society
Cross Country	Marksmanship	Student Government
Powerlifting	Physical Training	Various Clubs
Soccer	Cyber Patriot	
Softball		
Track & Field		
Volleyball		
Wrestling		

Language Support:

Interpretation and Translation Available: in Spanish, upon request in Vietnamese, other languages available through digital translation and interpretation partnerships.

In-Person Translation Available: full-time in Spanish

Special Education Model:

Inclusion, self-contained, related services, and resource pullout services as determined by the IEP.