

Application Checklist

Before you submit your online application, please review and understand the following items listed below.

- A team of staff members, including your Principal, attended a TurnAround Schools Institute.
- I understand while every online application will be thoroughly reviewed, not every school will be invited to join the NEU Network of Schools.
- Each teacher/classroom has adopted an individual university and displays the college's flag or banner.
- I understand that use of the No Excuses University™ logo, or use of the No Excuses University™ name to describe or identify a school or school district is prohibited unless the express written consent of TurnAround Schools is first obtained.
- I understand the Principal and at least one member of the school's staff must attend the NEU National Convention at least every other year.



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NEU Questions

All questions within the online application were written in conjunction with the lessons learned by attending a *TurnAround Schools Institute* or by reading the book *No Excuses University*. Schools will be selected based on their desire to embrace the six exceptional systems of a TurnAround School and also on their ability to make these systems the foundation of their work as a No Excuses University.

Please include a response to each question listed below in your online application. Individual questions should be answered in 350 words or less.

1. Please document your school's successful progress and future plans as you develop an exceptional system in the area of a **culture of universal achievement**.
2. Please document your school's successful progress and future plans as you develop an exceptional system in the area of **collaboration**.
3. Please document your school's successful progress and future plans as you develop an exceptional system in the area of **standards alignment**.
4. Please document your school's successful progress and future plans as you develop an exceptional system in the area of **assessment**.
5. Please document your school's successful progress and future plans as you develop an exceptional system in the area of **data analysis**.
6. Please document your school's successful progress and future plans as you develop an exceptional system in the area of **academic and social interventions**.
7. Finally, please share detailed examples of **powerful college readiness symbolism** that is displayed throughout your campus.

Note: Each teacher/classroom should adopt an individual university and display a college flag or banner before applying to become a No Excuses University.



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Video Guidelines

All NEU applications must be accompanied by a link to a video that is five minutes or less in length. This video supports our committee's desire to visualize your school in action. In an effort to support a successful video, please pay careful attention to the video **Do's** and **Don'ts** listed below.

DO

- Include interviews from students, staff, and parents.
- Focus on the creations of exceptional systems and the promotion of college readiness.
- Display examples of powerful symbolism, especially those related to college readiness.
- Feel free to show pictures along with recorded footage.
- Keep your video under five minutes.
- Make sure that your video will play on a Mac computer

DON'T

- Send random footage unrelated to the seven questions listed in the online application.
- Submit a video that only contain pictures without narration or some form of testimonial from members of your school community.
- Forget to display college readiness symbolism.



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