

CHAMA WILDCATS

First year in NMAA: 1946
 First year in State: Never

Colors: Blue and White
 Merged with Tierra Amarilla in 1966
 to form Escalante

YEAR	HEAD COACH	CLASS	DIST	INC SEASON			DT	RT	ST	NOTES	
				SCH	W	L					PCT.
1946			2	*	0	2	.000				
1947			2	*	0	2	.000				
1948			2	*	1	2	.333				
1949			2	*	0	1	.000				
1950			9	*	0	2	.000				
1951			11	*	1	1	.500				
1952			11	*	1	1	.500				
1953			11	*	1	1	.500				
1954		B	2	*	2	2	.500				
1955		B	2	*	1	1	.500				
1956		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1957		B	2	*	1	2	.333				
1958		B	2	*	0	2	.000				
1959		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1960		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1961		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1962		B	2	*	0	2	.000				
1963		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1964		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1965	Ralph Martinez	B	2	*	0	1	.000				
1966		B	2	*	0	1	.000				
GRAND TOTALS					W	L	PCT.		AP	AP	
					8	29	.216		0	0	

History of Community & School by Steve Flores

People of Spanish descent settled the town of Chama, starting in the late 1600's. It was first known as Chama Crossing. In 1880, the D & RG Railroad arrived, bringing life to the small town. It was then that the name of Chama was adopted. The railroad made Chama into a thriving and booming community that was occasionally known for its lawlessness that was typical in Western railroad towns. The town eventually became a supply center for ranches in the surrounding area. In the 1950's and 1960's the railroad became obsolete, being replaced by highways. Today Chama has a population of about 300 residents. Many more people make Chama their summer home. The main attraction in the summer is the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, which takes people back to the early years in Chama, when the railroad was the center of the community.

Chama High School was built in 1945. Although the school merged with Tierra Amarilla to form Escalante, the buildings still are in use by the people of Chama. The school proper is now the City Hall. The gym is still standing and is used for town functions, including dances, assemblies, and town team basketball.