



Plumsted Township Choice District Profile for 2023-24 School Year

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District grades: PreK-12

Approved choice grades: K-12

Total number of students enrolled in district: 1110

Choice Program:

Choice Seats Availability

The New Egypt Schools offer a wide range of educational programs. The district is comprised of four schools. The Plumsted Township School District is in the northeast corner of Ocean County that presently serves approximately 1110 students from preschool through 12th grade. The district is a closed knit community, yet with a diverse population of learners. The district is committed to developing a 21st century instructional program based on New Jersey Student Learning Standards, personalization, stressing mastery and providing rigorous yet differentiated instruction for all students. Programs range from self-contained special education populations to enrichment and honors/AP classes. The district seeks to infuse technology in the classroom as well as to support learners who will utilize and apply STEAM resources in a number of academic and practical applications. The Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School offers a range of supportive services in grades PreK-5. Specialized programs include: Spanish instruction, enrichment, technology instruction and tech lab, as well as supportive and pull-out ESL instruction. The New Egypt Middle School offers unique programs that include: Spanish instruction, instrumental music instruction and a full-year band program, as well as a STEAM elective in all grades. In addition to the traditional vocational, college prep and honors courses, New Egypt High School offers students a Teaching Academy, an Engineering Academy, a Law & Justice Academy, a Business Academy and a Video/TV Production Academy allowing students to receive specific electives to further their interests in these areas. Students are pushed to accelerate in content areas that have special interest. Personalized Learning is stressed as students develop their own learning plans.

The Department of Education limits the number of choice seats that each district can fill. The "maximum number of new choice students that can be enrolled" tells parents how many *new* choice students the district can enroll in the next school year. If more than the maximum number of applications is received, a lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed. *Waitlists will be developed for all approved choice grades even if no seats are currently available. NA indicates the district is not accepting choice applications for those grades.*

District Notes about Choice Seats Availability

Maximum Number of New Choice Students that can be enrolled: 3

Grade	Seat availability per grade*
K	
1	
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12	

District Choice Policies	
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see choice website definitions of Tier 1 and Tier 2 and below).	YES
b. The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants who have a sibling currently attending the choice district, provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria.	YES
c. The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants who have completed the terminal grade of the sending district (i.e., students who attend a choice district with grades that terminate before 12th grade and have a natural progression to this choice district), provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria.	N/A
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <i>before the application deadline</i> . If resident students move and file choice applications for the following year prior to the deadline, the district will give them enrollment preference (i.e., accept them after the enrollment preference students described in b. and c. above, but ahead of other applicants), provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria. <i>If the district has already reached its approved choice enrollment maximum, this preference will not apply.</i>	YES
e. The district gives special consideration to resident students who move <i>after</i> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants and be added to the front of the district's waitlist, provided the students will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria. No additional choice seats above the maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students.	YES

Transportation Note to Parents

Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. If a student is eligible for transportation (within 20 miles of the school) and the cost will exceed the maximum amount designated in the Annual Appropriations Act, the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of receiving the transportation and paying the additional amount over the maximum. By Aug. 1, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the *Choice School Transportation Procedures* found on the [Student Transportation webpage](#).

Tier 1 students

Choice districts must first fill their available seats with Tier 1 students. If the number of Tier 1 applications exceeds the number of choice seats available, the choice district must hold a lottery to randomly select students. Tier 1 students are students who are enrolled in a NJ public school in their resident school district during the time of application and for the entire year immediately preceding enrollment in a choice district. If a student moved during the school year and attended the resident public school of both his/her prior and current district of residence, he/she is also considered Tier 1. Charter school students are Tier 1. To qualify as Tier 1 for kindergarten, a student must be attending a *state-funded preschool* in his or her resident district or a student resides in a district that does not offer a state-funded preschool program. *Most students applying for kindergarten are in Tier 1.* *Choice applicants for kindergarten with a sibling currently attending the choice district will receive enrollment preference, provided the district has adopted a sibling preference policy, as indicated in the District Choice Policies chart above.*

Tier 2 students

Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students. If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so after all the qualified Tier 1 applicants have been accepted. If the number of Tier 2 applications exceeds the number of choice seats available, the choice district must hold a Tier 2 lottery to select students. Tier 2 students include NJ residents who have **not** attended their resident public school for the entire year immediately prior to enrollment in the desired choice district and do **not** otherwise meet the requirements for Tier 1. This includes students who have been attending public school outside their districts of residence or private school.