



Choice District Profile 2019-2020

Milford Public School
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Hunterdon

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District grades: Pre K-8
Approved choice grades: K-8
Total number of students enrolled in district: 87

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Choice Program

- **Small Class Sizes:** Allowing for personalized attention and targeted instruction to meet a child’s individual needs.
- Program enables parents to select a school choice at **no cost to them** and also be eligible for transportation aid.
- **Small School Setting:** Our rural, small school provides an atmosphere that develops bonds between teachers and students. All teachers know all students. Activities across grade levels create a “school family” environment. Proximity to the Delaware River and the borough of Milford encourages “walking field trips” to study the river ecosystem and the local firehouse, post office, and restaurants.
- **Technology Infused Curriculum:** Small student/technology ratio. iPads in every classroom.
- **No fees attached** to numerous clubs and sports programs offered at the school.

Choice Seats Available for 2019-2020 School Year

The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline of Dec. 3, 2018. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.

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 upcoming school year. If more than the approved maximum number of applications is received, a lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed.

Maximum Number of New Choice Students that can be Enrolled: 0

Milford Public School Choice School has a waitlist, secure your spot on the waitlist by completing an application

Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	5
1	5
2	5
3	5
4	5
5	5
6	5
7	5
8	5



District Choice Policies	Indicate Yes/No/NA
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definition below).	Yes
b. The district gives enrollment preference to students who have a sibling currently attending the choice district, provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	Yes
c. The district gives enrollment preference to choice students 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 with a natural progression to this choice district), provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they 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 ahead of other applicants, but after the enrollment preference students described in b. and c. above), 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, 2019, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the Transportation Procedures for choice 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 (2018-19) immediately preceding enrollment in a choice district. If a student moved during the school year and attended the resident public school of his/her old district of residence, he/she is also considered Tier 1. 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. Charter school students are considered to be 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 or a student has a sibling currently attending the choice district. Most students applying for kindergarten are in Tier 1.

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 would include students who have been attending public school outside their districts of residence or private school. **Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students.** If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so only after all of 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.