

**Tuckerton Elementary School**  
**PO Box 217, 213 Marine St**  
**Tuckerton, NJ 08087**

**Interdistrict Public School Choice Application for Enrollment in a Choice District**  
**2023-2024 School Year**

**To be completed by the parent or legal guardian:**

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**Student Information**

Name of student applicant:

Student address:

City: County: Zip:

Home phone number: Parent's work phone:

Parent's email:

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**Current School Information (2022-23)**

Student's grade level for the 2022-2023 school year:

Student's district of residence:

School currently attending:

Is this the student's resident public school (includes charter schools)? Yes No

If yes, answer the following questions:

Has the student been enrolled since the start of the 2022-2023 school year? Yes No

If the student moved during the school year and *attended the resident public school of his/her old district of residence*, provide:

- » Name of previous district of residence:
  - » Name of previous school attended:
  - » Date moved from previous school:
  - » Date enrolled in current school:
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**Application Information**

Grade level to which the student is applying for admission for the 2023-2024 school year:

Has the student been referred or is in the process of being referred for special education services? Yes No

**If yes, attach any documentation, i.e. IEP (Special Education Plan) or 504 Plan (Accommodation Plan)**

*NOTE: If, prior to the start of the enrollment year, the student receives an IEP that the choice district cannot implement, acceptance into the program could be revoked.*

Does the student have a sibling enrolled in this choice district? Yes No

Sibling's name: Sibling's grade in 2022-23:

Is the applicant a former resident student who moved *before* the application deadline? Yes      No

Is the applicant a former resident student who moved *after* the application deadline? Yes      No

[Note to Choice District: If a Choice district has been granted approval of the use of enrollment criteria for a special program, then the application may include a request that applicants address the criteria (for example in an essay, explanation or interview.)]

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### Student Enrollment Policies

**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 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 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.

**Enrollment preference** may be given to students in the following circumstances: 1) applicants with siblings enrolled in the choice district; 2) applicants who will have completed the terminal grade of a sending choice district (i.e., students who attend a choice district with grades that terminate before 12th grade and with a natural progression to the choice district); and 3) resident students of the choice district who move during the school year but *before the application deadline* and want to remain in the choice district the following year. Your student's enrollment preference status will be determined from the information you provide in this application.

[Name of the choice district] has adopted the following policies regarding student enrollment:

District Choice Policies	Does Policy Apply?
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.	[Yes/No]
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, they meet any program-specific criteria, and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	[Yes/No]
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, they meet any program-specific criteria and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	[Yes/No/Not Applicable]
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/No]
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 <i>front of the district's waitlist</i> , provided the students will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria. No additional choice seats above the approved maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students.	[Yes/No]

**If any information on this application is proven to be falsified, the student's admission to the Choice Program could be revoked.**

*By my signature I certify that I am applying for my student's admission to the Choice district for academic reasons only and not for athletic or extracurricular reasons and that all of the information I have provided is accurate. If my student has a current IEP or 504 Plan, I hereby give permission to the Child Study Team of this choice district to release and/or obtain information on behalf of my student.*

*I understand that transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. If my student is eligible for transportation (within 20 miles from home to school) and the cost will exceed the maximum amount designated in the annual NJ State budget, 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. I will be notified by August 1 of my transportation options.*

**Signature of parent or guardian:**

**Printed name of parent or guardian:**

**Date:**

**Application is due to the Choice District by November 30, 2022**

*\*Applications received after the deadline will be considered for enrollment only after those who applied before the deadline.*

**Notice of Intent to Participate  
in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program  
in the 2023-2024 School Year**

**Date:**

**To: The Superintendent/Chief School Administrator of Student's Resident District:**

As Parent/Legal Guardian of the student named below, I am submitting this written notification of my student's intent to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program (enrollment in September 2023). If my child is accepted into a choice program, my child's resident district will be notified of such by the choice district **by Jan. 12, 2023**, or when enrollment is confirmed. *This form requires no response from the resident district, but parents should request a signed and dated receipt for confirmation of submission.*

**Notes to Resident District**

The purpose of this form is to give the resident district advance notice of the student's intent to apply to a choice district for enrollment in 2023-24.

Subsequently, if the student is accepted into a choice program, the resident district must be notified by the choice district by **January 12, 2023**. There may be cases where the choice district accepts late choice student applications. In these cases, the resident district will be notified as soon as the choice student confirms enrollment.

Transportation of choice students will be the responsibility of the *resident district*, provided the student meets the eligibility requirements of state law and the choice district school is within 20 miles of the student's residence. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

**Notes to Parents Regarding Transportation**

*Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed.* Your student must meet the eligibility requirements: the school must be within 20 miles of your student's residence. If the cost of transportation will exceed the maximum amount established in the Annual Appropriations Act, the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of paying the additional amount over the maximum to receive the transportation. By Aug. 1, 2023, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

**Student's Name:**

**Student's Home Address:**

**Current School:**

**Current grade:**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:**

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:**

**Address of Parent/Guardian:**

**Contact Number:**

**Aviso De Intención De Participar / Notice Of Intent To Participate**  
**en el Programa de elección de escuelas públicas entre distritos**  
**Para el año escolar 2023-2024**

**Fecha:**

**Al: Superintendente/Administrador Jefe de la escuela de Distrito de residencia del estudiante:**

Como madre/padre/tutor del estudiante mencionado a continuación, presento este aviso escrito de la intención de mi estudiante de inscribirse en el Programa de elección de escuelas públicas entre distritos en septiembre de 2023. Si mi hijo es aceptado en un programa de elección, se informará al distrito de residencia de mi hijo al respecto por el distrito de elección antes del **12 de enero de 2023** o cuando se confirme la solicitud. *(No se requiere respuesta del distrito de residencia, pero los padres deben solicitar un recibo firmado y fechado para sus registros.)*

**Notificación al Distrito de Residencia**

El distrito de residencia debe recibir notificación del distrito de elección antes del **12 de enero de 2023** sobre los estudiantes de elección que se inscribirán en el año escolar 2023-2024. En ciertos casos el distrito de elección acepta solicitudes de estudiantes de elección fuera de término. En estos casos, el distrito de residencia recibirá notificación en cuanto el estudiante de elección confirme la inscripción.

El transporte de los estudiantes de elección será responsabilidad del *distrito de residencia*, siempre y cuando el estudiante reúna los requisitos de elegibilidad conforme a la ley estatal y el distrito de elección se encuentre a menos de 20 millas de la residencia del estudiante. Puede encontrar información sobre los procedimientos para el [transporte de las escuelas de elección](#).

**Notificación a los Padres Sobre el Transporte**

*No se garantiza el transporte de los estudiantes de elección.* Su estudiante debe reunir los requisitos de elegibilidad: la escuela debe encontrarse a menos de 20 millas de la residencia de su estudiante. Si el costo del transporte supera los \$1,022, la madre/el padre/tutor recibirá \$1,022 como asistencia en lugar del transporte o, en algunos casos, la opción de pagar el importe adicional necesario aparte de los \$1,022 para recibir el transporte. Antes del 1 de agosto de 2023, los padres deben recibir notificación de sus opciones de transporte del distrito de residencia. Para obtener más información, lea los [Procedimientos de transporte](#) para los estudiantes de elección.

**Nombre del estudiante:**

**Dirección del hogar del estudiante:**

**Escuela actual:**

**Grado actual:**

**Firma de la madre/el padre/tutor:**

**Nombre de la madre/el padre/tutor (en letra de molde):**

**Dirección de la madre/el padre/tutor:**

**Número de contacto:**

## 2023-2024 Choice

### Notices of Conditional Acceptance, Rejection, and Wait Listing Templates

[Date]

[Parent's Name]

[Parent Street Address]

[Parent City, State, Zip]

To the Parents of [Name of Student]:

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#### Conditional Acceptance:

We are pleased to inform you that [Student's Name] has been conditionally accepted as a Choice student for [Grade Level] in the [Name of Choice District] for enrollment beginning September 2023.

Attached you will find a *Notice of Intent to Enroll Form*. If you intend to enroll your child in [Name of Choice District] for the 2023-2024 school year, you must complete this form and return it to [Name of Choice District] by **January 5, 2023**. You can submit a Notice of Intent to Enroll to only one Choice district. *You cannot commit to more than one Choice district.*

If you have decided not to enroll your child, please contact us *immediately* so that we can give the choice seat to a student on our waiting list.

This district has set a deadline for registration for new choice students of [registration deadline]; if a newly accepted choice student does not register by the deadline, then the district may revoke acceptance and notify the next applicant on the waitlist of conditional acceptance.

Although we discourage Choice program applicants from changing their minds after they have returned the *Notice of Intent to Enroll*, there is no penalty for students who later decide not to participate in a Choice program or leave the Choice district after acceptance. There is also no restriction on students enrolling in their resident district at any time. We encourage Choice students to uphold their commitment and remain in their Choice district for at least one year.

**Please Note:** *Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed.* Transportation options are only available to students whose residence is within 20 miles of [Name of Choice School]. Your resident district will notify you by August 1, 2023 of the transportation services that will be provided to your student. **Depending on the circumstances, the resident district may provide aid in lieu of transportation.** Read the [transportation procedures](#) for more information.

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**Rejection due to inability to implement IEP:**

We regret to inform you that your student's application to [Name of Choice District] has been denied.

After receiving a copy of [student's name]'s Individualized Education Program (IEP), the child study team and I carefully reviewed [his/her] current program in light of your request to attend [Name of Choice District] as a choice student in [grade level].

Based on the program needs documented in the IEP, we are unable to accept [his/her] application. Under New Jersey administrative code, choice districts can reject an application if that student's IEP could not be implemented in the district, or if the enrollment of that student would require the district to fundamentally alter the nature of its educational program, or would create an undue financial or administrative burden on the district.

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**Rejection due to student not meeting application criteria for special program:**

Your student has not met the enrollment criteria for the [Name of Special Program], as specified in the student application. The reasons for rejection are as follows:

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to talk with you. The district and I wish [Student's Name] well in the following school year.

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**Wait Listing:**

Due to the number of student applications to our choice program exceeding the number of available seats offered, a lottery was held to assign selection in the program on [Date] at [Location].

Of the [#] available seats, your student is number [#] and subsequently cannot be offered enrollment into our choice program at this time. [Name of Student] has been placed on our waiting list. If seats become vacant, it will be filled with applicants in order of their position on the waiting list. If a seat becomes available for your student, we will notify you immediately.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to talk with you. The district and I wish [Student's Name] well in the following school year.

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Sincerely,  
[Name of choice district administrator]

**Notice of Intent to Enroll  
in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program for the 2023-2024 School Year**

**Due to the Choice District by January 5, 2023\***

\* Choice districts may accept late applicants, however late applicants will be considered only after those who applied by the deadline and only if choice seats are available.

**Instructions:**

**For Parents of Accepted Choice Students:**

1. Parents of students who will accept enrollment in the choice district must fill in this form and return it to the choice district **by January 5, 2023**, or as soon as possible after notification of acceptance by the choice district. *The form must be submitted to only one choice district.*
2. Transportation may not be provided for your student. Depending on the circumstances, the resident district may provide aid in lieu of transportation. Read the [transportation procedures](#) for more information.
3. Choice districts may set a deadline for registration for new choice students. If a newly accepted choice student does not register by the publicized deadline, then the district can revoke acceptance and notify the next applicant on the waitlist of conditional acceptance.

**For Choice Districts:**

The choice district must send a copy of each accepted Choice student's **Notice of Intent to Enroll** to the respective resident district **by January 12** or as soon as possible after receipt from parents to serve as notification.

Choice districts may set a deadline for registration for new choice students; if a newly accepted choice student does not register by the publicized deadline, then the district can revoke acceptance and notify the next applicant on the waitlist of conditional acceptance.

**For Resident Districts:**

This form serves as notification that this student has been accepted into a choice program in SY2023-24. *No action is required on your part, however you will be responsible for providing transportation if the student meets the eligibility requirements.* For information on the choice program and responsibilities of resident districts, visit the [choice website](#).

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**Notice of Intent to Enroll Form:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To:** SIOBHAN GRAYSON  
213 MARINE ST, PO BOX 217  
TUCKERTON, NJ 08087

As Parent or Legal Guardian of the student named below, I certify my student's intention to enroll in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program in the **TUCKERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** in September 2023. I also grant permission to the **TUCKERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** to obtain all necessary student records from my student's district of residence.

**Choice Student's Name:**

**Choice Student's Address:**

**Student's Current School (2022-23):**

**Student's Current District of Residence (2022-2023):**

**Student's Current Grade Level (2022-2023):**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:**

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:**

**Address of Parent/Guardian:**

**Parent's Phone:**

**Parent's Email:**

**(Template)**  
**Aviso de Intención de Inscribirse / Notice of Intent to Enroll**  
**en el Programa de elección de escuelas públicas entre distritos**  
**Para el año escolar 2023-2024**

**A entregar al distrito de elección antes del 5 de enero de 2023**

**Fecha:**

A [Superintendent's Name]  
[Mailing Address]

Como Padreo Tutor Legal del estudiante mencionado a continuación, certifico la intención de mi estudiante de inscribirse en el Programa de elección de escuelas públicas entre distritos en [Name of Choice district] en septiembre de 2023. También otorgo permiso a [Name of Choice district] para obtener todos los registros necesarios del estudiante del distrito de residencia de mi estudiante.

**Nombre del estudiante:**

**Dirección del estudiante:**

**Escuela distrito de residencia actual (2022-2023):**

**Nivel de grado actual (2022-2023):**

**Firma de la madre/el padre/tutor:**

**Nombre de la madre/el padre/tutor:**

**Dirección de la madre/el padre/tutor:**

**Teléfono de la madre/el padre:**

**Correo electrónico de la madre/el padre:**

**Notificación a los padres:**

1. Este formulario puede presentarse solamente a un distrito de elección.
2. \*Los distritos de elección pueden aceptar solicitudes fuera de término.
3. Es posible que no se proporcione transporte para su estudiante. En dependencia de las circunstancias, el distrito de residencia puede proporcionar asistencia en lugar de transporte. Lea los [procedimientos de transporte](#) para obtener más información.

**Notificación a los distritos de residencia:**

Este formulario sirve como notificación de que este estudiante ha sido aceptado en un programa de elección para el año escolar 2023-24. *No se requiere ninguna acción de su parte, sin embargo usted será responsable de proporcionar transporte si el estudiante reúne los requisitos de elegibilidad.* Para obtener información sobre el programa de elección y las responsabilidades de los distritos de residencia, visite el [sitio web de elección](#).