



Deal School District, 201 Roseld Avenue, Deal, NJ 07723

Choice District Profile 2025-26

**Deal School District
201 Roseld Avenue
Deal, NJ 07723
Monmouth**

District grades: K - 8

Approved Choice grades: K- 8

Total number of students enrolled in district: 154

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Choice Program

The Deal School has embraced a movement in education referred to as "STEAM", which encourages a cross curricular integration of technology in all subject areas, especially mathematics, art and science. Each child in grades K-8 is equipped with a Chromebook computer to engage with instructional software, which focuses on conceptual learning. In addition to Chromebooks, students in grades K-3 have direct access to Ipads to support instruction and learning in the classroom. Further, students benefit from "cutting edge" technology as they utilize the multimedia workstations in our technology laboratory, which allows them to participate in virtual field trips, design software for engineers, 3D design and printing, and creative inquiry.

An intense shift toward teaching language arts has occurred with the School Wide Fundamentals Readers/Writers Workshop Model grades K-8. This approach toward teaching reading and writing offers a research-based reading model that utilizes 21st Century learning techniques to address student needs. The various components of the reading program focus on phonemic awareness, phonics, oral language development, vocabulary instruction, reading comprehension, and fluency. Writing instruction, connected to the theme of the unit, is incorporated into each lesson. While utilizing rotating literacy centers and project based learning with a focus on arts integration is evident and embraced in each classroom.

The Big Ideas Math program serves as a core program, which emphasizes higher order thinking skills, conceptual problem solving, and functional applications of skills and concepts in everyday experiences. Driven by cooperative learning with an emphasis on individual accountability, common goals and key concepts in math are introduced and achieved.

Our science curriculum has embraced the NJSL Standards for Science and allows students to investigate through hands-on activities and project/problem based learning, linking the real world to the classroom. Thematic, integrated science and social studies units of study correlated to the Next Generation Science Standards and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards utilize various materials to provide a unique learning experience for students. Participation in project/problem based learning with a focus on integration of the arts allows teachers to promote application of concepts.



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In addition, the Deal School offers music, art, physical education, and health programs to all students. A comprehensive blended world language program is introduced to students in Kindergarten and continues throughout grade 8. The Rosetta Stone Language Program is used to introduce students to the Spanish language and classroom setting is used to study the culture and people of Spanish-speaking regions in a blended learning experience. Fostering a respect for cultural diversity is routinely emphasized throughout instruction. Students learn key vocabulary and are encouraged to utilize their newfound language through greetings and requests in the classroom.

The importance of social and emotional learning and the construction of a sense of community and positive school climate is facilitated through the implementation of the Responsive Classroom/Morning Meeting program through grades K-8. The Responsive Classroom approach leads to the empowerment of educators to create safe, joyful, and engaging learning communities providing all students with a sense of belonging and feelings of significance.

Choice Seats Available for 2025-2026 School Year

The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline of November 25, 2024. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.

Districts may have more seats available than they are approved to accept by the Department of Education; therefore, the seat availability shown by grade level below may be greater than the approved maximum number indicated. 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: 13

Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	13
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0

***More seats may become available in other grade levels due to student transfers. Applications for all grade levels are accepted.**



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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.	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
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, 2025, 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 (2024-25) 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.