

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
1106 Old White Horse Pike, Waterford, NJ 08089
INTERDISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION
FOR ENROLLMENT IN A CHOICE DISTRICT
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Application may be emailed to: ldirenzo@wtsd.org

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On Time Application _____ Late Application _____
Tier 1 _____ Tier 2 _____
Grade Applied For in 2025-2026: _____
Enrollment Preference(s) Granted:
____ Sibling(s) in Choice District (Sibling Grade in 2025-2026: _____)
____ Choice student from a district that terminates before grade 12
____ Resident Student who moved
Lottery # (if applicable): _____

To be completed by the Parent or Legal Guardian:

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name of Student Applicant: _____
Student Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Parent's Work/Cell Phone: _____
Parent's Email: _____ Student's Date of Birth: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION (2024-2025):

Student's Grade Level for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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: _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Grade level to which the student is applying for admission for the 2025-2026 school year: _____
School student would be attending in resident district in the 2025-2026 school year: _____

Has the student been or is the student currently being referred for Special Education Services, and/or does the student have a current IEP (Special Education Plan)? Yes _____ No _____ ***If yes, attach a copy of IEP.***

Does the student have a current 504 Plan (Accommodation Plan)? Yes _____ No _____ ***If yes, attach a copy of 504 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 2024-25: _____ Sibling's Grade in 2025-26¹: _____

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

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¹ ***Choice sibling must continue to be enrolled in the choice district in the choice applicant's first year of enrollment in the choice district.***

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Student Enrollment Policies:

Tier 1 students include the following applicants:

- 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.
- A student who moved during the school year and attended their resident district schools.
- Students who attend a choice district that terminates before 12th grade and have reached the final grade.
- Charter school students.
- To qualify as Tier 1 for kindergarten, a student must be attending their resident district preschool, or a student has a sibling attending the choice district in the current year and the sibling will continue to be enrolled in the following year.

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. Tier 2 students also include students applying for kindergarten who are **not** attending their resident district preschool and do not have a sibling attending the choice district in the current year.

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.

Enrollment preference may be given to students in the following circumstances: 1) applicants with siblings enrolled in the choice district in the current year and will continue to be enrolled in the following year; 2) applicants who will have completed the terminal grade of the 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 desired 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. The applicant’s enrollment preference status will be determined from the information provided in this application and verified by the resident district.

The Waterford Township School District has adopted the following policies regarding student enrollment:

| DISTRICT CHOICE POLICIES | YES/NO |
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| a. The district accepts Tier 2 students. | YES |
| b. The district gives enrollment preference to students who have a sibling currently enrolled in the choice district and who will continue to be enrolled in the following year, 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 |
| 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 12 th 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 and the district has seats available in the desired grades. | N/A |
| d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <u>before the application deadline</u> . 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 <u>after</u> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants and be added to the <u>front of the district's waitlist</u> , 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 |

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 (\$1,177 per student), the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation in the amount of \$1,177 and, in some cases, the option of receiving the transportation and paying the additional amount over \$1,177. I will be notified by August 1 of my transportation options.

SIGN: _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian

PRINT: _____
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

DATE: _____

Application is due to the Choice District by November 25, 2024

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