

## Plumsted Township School District Choice District Profile 2025-2026

### Choice Program

The New Egypt Schools offer a wide range of educational programs. The district comprises three schools. The Plumsted Township School District is in the northeast corner of Ocean County that presently serves approximately 1175 students from preschool through 12th grade. The district is a close-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 New Egypt Primary School offers fun, age appropriate learning for Pre-K to Kindergarten students. The Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School offers a range of supportive services in grades 1-5. Specialized programs include: Spanish instruction, enrichment, technology instruction and tech lab, as well as supportive and pull-out ESL instruction. The New Egypt High School offers unique programs to grades 7-8, that include: Spanish instruction, instrumental music instruction and a full-year band program, as well as a STEAM elective. In addition to the traditional vocational, college prep and honors courses for grades 9-12, the New Egypt High School offers students a Global Education Academy, an Engineering Academy, a Law & Justice Academy, and a Business Academy allowing students to receive specific electives to further their interests in these areas. Students are pushed to accelerate in content areas that they have special interest in. Personalized Learning is stressed as students develop their own learning plans.

### 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 Nov. 25, 2024. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.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 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.**

### Maximum Number of District New Choice Students that can be Enrolled: 2

Grade	Seat availability per grade [Indicate # of open seats or “available seats”]
K	N/A
1	N/A
2	N/A
3	N/A
4	N/A
5	N/A
6	available seats
7	available seats
8	available seats



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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Seat availability per grade</b> [Indicate # of open seats or "available seats"]
9	available seats
10	available seats
11	available seats
12	available seats



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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 applicants 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 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 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, 2020, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures for choice students](#).

**Tiers Explained**

- To be eligible as Tier 1, a student must be enrolled in a NJ public school in their resident school district for the entire year immediately preceding enrollment in a choice district, and must be verified as Tier 1 by their resident district. Tier 1 students also include students in the following circumstances:
  - Charter school students
  - A student who moved during the year but attended the public school of both the old and new resident districts
  - A student applying for kindergarten who is attending a state-funded (tuition-free) preschool in his or her resident district or a student resides in a district that does not offer a state-funded (tuition-free) preschool program and the student has a sibling attending the choice district in the



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current year and the sibling will continue to be enrolled in the following year.

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 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.

Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students. If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so only after 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 lottery to select students. Choice districts must post on their website their choice enrollment policies, including whether or not they accept Tier 2 applications.