

Cape Henlopen School District



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Dear Cape Henlopen Families,

As you are most likely aware, student enrollment continues to increase in the district. As of September 2024, student enrollment was 6,654. This is 1,000 more students than were enrolled in the district in September 2018. To minimize the negative impacts of this growth on our students and staff, the district has had to implement various strategies to continue providing a high-quality learning environment. Below are a few of the strategies implemented by the district:

- We have created more classroom space by building new schools or increasing the size of our existing schools. Over the past eight years, the district has completed ten construction projects. These projects were part of our district's long-range facilities plan, and ultimately, our families and community approved and funded a tax increase through the referendum/voting process.
- The district modified existing elementary and middle school boundary lines to better balance the number of students in our five elementary and three middle schools.
- Last year, the district required families at our largest elementary school to provide updated proof of residency to confirm they reside within our boundaries. Families may relocate to another attendance area or a different school district in Delaware without our knowledge. Requesting this information will help ensure that every student attending a Cape Henlopen school resides in our district.

Beginning today, the district will collect residency verification for **grades 5, 8, and 9 students**. We will add more grades in future years to keep student files updated with recent residency proof. Your cooperation is appreciated for a smooth transition into the next school year.

- The process of collecting proof of residency will begin immediately.
- Copies of items will be accepted at the main office of your child's school, the Cape Henlopen School District office, or sent via e-mail to the following address: CapeHenlopen.POR@cape.k12.de.us. Please be sure to add your child's name, student I.D., and the school's name to all submissions of the following items:
 - Current electric bill
 - Fully executed lease agreement (if applicable)
 - Current driver's license or state identification for each parent/guardian listed for the student.

The deadline for submitting documents is December 20, 2024. Thank you in advance for helping us ensure your child's school record is updated with the most accurate information.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Fulton
Superintendent