STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student Application Timeline for Parents for Enrollment in a Choice District in the 2026-2027 School Year

Document Name/Process	From	Received by	Deadline
Student Notification to Resident District of Intent to Participate (Required for ***all*** choice applicants)	Parent/Guardian	Resident District	11/24/2025
Student Application to Choice Districts (Request/download application from choice district website and submit to choice district)	Parent/Guardian	Choice District	11/24/2025
Lottery Date Notification to Parents/Guardians	Choice District	Parent/Guardian	12/9/2025
Lottery held (if applicable)	Choice District	N/A	12/11/2025 thru 12/15/2025
Notice of Conditional Acceptance, Rejection or Wait Listing	Choice District	Parent/Guardian	12/19/2025
Student's Notice of Intent to Enroll in the Choice District (Provided by choice district. *Submit to only one choice district.*)	Parent/Guardian	Choice District	1/8/2026
Student's Registration with Choice District	Parent/Guardian	Choice District	Determined by Choice District

Late Applications

Some districts may accept late applications after the **November 24, 2025,** deadline, however, late applicants will be considered for enrollment only *after* those who applied before the deadline.

If any accepted choice students decide to drop their acceptance before the start of the school year, the district may replace them with students on the waitlist, including students who applied after the deadline--provided late applicants are considered *after* those who applied before the deadline.

Parents must contact the choice district to inquire about whether it accepts late applications.

Exception to Late Application Policy

When extenuating circumstances occur, the Commissioner may grant a waiver of the student application deadline, allowing a student to submit an application and be accepted to a choice program. *Waivers will only be granted by a showing of "good cause" and when a student's educational conditions are such that an immediate transfer is needed.* Waivers will not be granted for convenience reasons such as missing the application deadline. Typically, student enrollment must occur immediately upon approval of the waiver, however each waiver will be considered based on the specific circumstances of the student. *Parents can request a waiver form by emailing* the Choice Program Office.