

# Folsom Elementary School

## Interdistrict Public School Choice Application for Enrollment in a Choice District 2024-2025 School Year

### For Office Use Only

On time application \_\_\_\_ Late application \_\_\_\_  
Tier 1 \_\_\_\_ Tier 2 \_\_\_\_  
Grade applied for in 2024-25: \_\_\_\_  
*Enrollment Preferences granted (check those that apply):*  
\_\_\_\_ Sibling(s) in Choice District (Sibling grade in 2023-2024: \_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_ Applicant from a choice 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Current School Information (2023-24)

Student's grade level for the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 2024-2025 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student been referred or is in the process of being referred for special education services? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**If yes, attach any documentation, i.e. IEP (Special Education Plan) or 504 Plan (Accommodation 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 2023-24: \_\_\_\_ Sibling's grade in 2024-25<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_

Is the applicant a former resident student who moved *before* the application deadline? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is the applicant a former resident student who moved *after* the application deadline? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> 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** 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 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, they are 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 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 includes 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 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 a 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 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. Your student's enrollment preference status will be determined from the information you provide in this application.

Folsom School District has adopted the following policies regarding student enrollment:

District Choice Policies	Does Policy Apply?
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.	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, 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, 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 <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 <i>front of the district's waitlist</i> , 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, 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. I will be notified by August 1 of my transportation options.*

**Signature of parent or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name of parent or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application is due to the Choice District by December 1, 2023**

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

# Folsom School District

## School Choice Program

### Timeline for 2024-2025 School Year

Application Period – September 2023 thru December 1, 2023

**\*\*Application and all supporting paperwork must be received by 4pm on December 1st \*\*** (late applications will not be included in lottery)

Lottery – December 13, 2023 at 10am at Folsom School

Notice of Conditional Acceptance, Rejection, or Wait Listing – December 21, 2023

Notice of Intent to Enroll – January 5, 2024

For more information on transportation click on the link below:

[NJ DOE School Choice Transportation Procedures](#)

## **Application Procedures and Timeline**

- Print and complete Folsom School District's School Choice Application. Applications must be received by Folsom no later than 4pm, December 1, 2023.
- Print and complete the Notice of Intent to Participate form. This form must be sent to your resident District no later than November 17, 2023.
- After you have submitted these documents, you should expect to receive Notice of Conditional Acceptance, Rejection or Wait Listing from Folsom School District by December 21, 2023.
- If you receive a Notice of Conditional Acceptance, your next step would be to submit the Notice of Intent to Enroll Form.
- Notice of Intent to Enroll form must be received by Folsom School District no later than January 5, 2024.
- If you have any questions, please call/email Angel Sharp 609-561-8666 ext. 111, [asharp@folsomschool.org](mailto:asharp@folsomschool.org).

\*Paper applications are available at Folsom School. You can pick one up at the front office during normal school hours.

# Choice Seats Available for 2024-2025 School Year: 21

**The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability before the application deadline of December 1, 2023. 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.

Grade	Projected Seats
K	0
1	1
2	1
3	5
4	3
5	3
6	4
7	0
8	4

Folsom School District is a Pk-8 district located in western Atlantic County between the towns of Hammonton and Buena Vista. Folsom School was chosen as one of the original 10 choice districts by the New Jersey Department of Education in 2000.

With the success of the choice program, Folsom School has been able to maintain two classes per grade level from grades K-8, as well as a full-day preschool. All Folsom students benefit from access to a range of programs targeting the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, including an Enrichment Program in all grade levels. All elementary students participate in Art, Music, World Language (Spanish), and Digital Arts, Health/PE to compliment the core subjects.

As students' progress through the grades, several opportunities for real-world learning enhance their Choice experience. Students in Grades 6 through 8 engage in a technology rich curriculum that includes computer and financial literacy; technology, engineering, and design, digital photography and graphic design.

Students in Grades 5 through 8 may participate in a broad range of before/after school sports and activities, including FTN- our state of the art TV studio, Art Club, ASL Club, Chorus, Band, Drama, Cross Country, Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Student Application Timeline for Parents**  
**For Enrollment in a Choice District in the 2024-2025 School Year**

Document Name/Process	From	Received by	Deadline
<a href="#"><u>Student Notice of Intent to Participate</u></a> (Required for <i>all</i> choice applicants)	Parent or Guardian	Sending/Resident District	11/17/2023
<b>Student Application Deadline</b> (Request/download application from desired choice district website)	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	12/1/2023
<b>Lottery held</b> (if applicable)	Choice District	N/A	12/12/2023 thru 12/18/2023
<b>Notice of Conditional Acceptance, Rejection, or Wait Listing</b>	Choice District	Parent or Guardian	12/21/2023
<b>Student's Notice of Intent to Enroll in the Choice District</b> (Provided by choice district. <i>Submit to only one choice district</i> )	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	1/5/2024
<b>Student's Registration with Choice District</b>	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	Determined by Choice District

### Late Applications

Some districts may accept late applications after the **December 1, 2023**, 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](#).*