



INTERDISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE (FUNDING)

August 2012

HISTORY OF CHOICE IN NEW JERSEY

- Pilot program was passed in 2000
 - 5 year pilot ended in 2005
- Program was maintained for pilot districts (15) through 2010
- In June 2010, the legislature made the program permanent by passing the *Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 2010*



HOW DOES CHOICE FUNDING WORK?



- Not like charter school funding!
- Basic premise: provide the local portion of the adequacy budget in the form of direct aid
- Equation for Choice Aid:

$$\frac{\textit{Choice District's Local Fair Share}}{\textit{Projected Enrollment}} \times \textit{Choice Student Enrollment}$$

- Local Fair Share (LFS) is equal to Adequacy Budget less Equalization Aid



FUNDING CONTINUED...

- For non-Adjustment Aid districts:
 - Choice aid will equal per pupil LFS amount times choice enrollment
- For Adjustment Aid districts:
 - Choice aid will be offset by the amount of Adjustment Aid the district receives
 - Could potentially see no net increase in state aid
- Year 1 – direct state aid only (Choice Aid)
- Year 2 and beyond – direct state aid plus students included in resident enrollment
 - Students will be recorded as resident students in the October ASSA count



2013-14 ENROLLMENT REPORTING

- January 14, 2013 Public Students (Tier 1)
- February 11, 2013 Non-Public (Tier II)
- Enrollment will be reported through the ASSA system.



TRANSPORTATION



- Transportation is responsibility of district of residence
- District of residence will receive the transportation aid for Choice students and will keep the levy collected for those students



STUDENT APPLICATION TIMELINES for the 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Document Name	From:	Sent or Brought to:	Deadline
First Tier – Eligible Public School Students			
Notice of Intent to Participate in the School Choice Program	Parent or Guardian of Eligible Public School Students	District of Residence: Superintendent's Office	11/2/2012
Written confirmation to the parent that the student is eligible to participate in the school choice program	District of Residence: Superintendent's Office	Parent or Guardian	11/21/2012
Student Application to choice district, <i>including written confirmation from district of residence*for public school students</i>	Parent or Guardian public and non public submits application to choice district	Choice District	12/3/2012
Choice district Notice of Conditional Acceptance or Rejection of the student's application.	Choice District	Parent or Guardian	12/21/2012
Student's Notice of Intent to Enroll in the choice district (Public School Students only)	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	1/4/2013
Enrollment Data: Public Students	Choice District	Department of Education	1/14/2013
Second Tier/Non Public			
Choice District Notice of Acceptance or Rejection of the student's application	Choice District	Parent or Guardian of Non-Public School Student	1/25/2013
Intent to Enroll Form	Parent or Guardian of Non-Public School Student	Choice District	2/4/2013
Enrollment Data: Non-Public Students	Choice District	Department of Education	February 11, 2013
Transportation Requests	Choice District	Sending District	March 15, 2013



FOR DISTRICTS SENDING TO A CHOICE DISTRICTS

- In Year 1 the district of residence will keep formula aid and local levy for Choice students
- Starting in Year 2, the district will keep the local levy and receive only transportation aid for Choice students
 - Students will not be recorded as resident students in the October ASSA count



QUESTIONS



- Email: school-funding@doe.state.nj.us

