

Island Heights School District

Ocean County



District grades: K—6

Approved Choice grades: K—6

Total number of students enrolled in district:
142

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CHOICE PROGRAM:

The Island Heights Grade School is a spectacular elementary school located in Ocean County. The school prides itself on high levels of student achievement and small class size, which allows for a focus on individualized instruction and challenging each student to reach their maximum potential academically. The Island Heights Grade School offers a variety of courses that include rigorous standards and educational research along with best practices to maximize learning. Academic programs consist of core subject areas, but also include Music, World Language, Art, and a STEAM program. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to the following; sports, homework club, art, music, running club, band, broadcasting, robotics and STEAM Clubs.

Students from Island Heights Grade School attend Central Regional Middle and High School located in Berkeley Township. Central Regional participates in the school choice program, offering a Humanities Program.

Choice Seats Available For the 2025-2026 School Year	
School Name: Island Heights Grade School	
Maximum number of <u>NEW</u> students that can be accepted: 1	
NOTE: Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept.	
A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD AND A WAITLIST WILL BE DEVELOPED IF MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IS RECEIVED.	
Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	1
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0

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District Choice Policies	
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 and they meet any program-specific criteria.	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).	Not Applicable
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <u>before</u> the application deadline. 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), PROVIDED that 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 <u>after</u> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants, PROVIDED that 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 special consideration will not apply.</i>	Yes

TRANSPORTATION NOTE TO PARENTS:

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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, 2025, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the **Transportation Procedures for choice students.**

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 (2024-25) 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, he/she is 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 a state-funded preschool in his or her resident district or a student resides in a district that does not offer a state-funded preschool program or a student has a sibling currently attending the choice district. Most students applying for kindergarten are in Tier 1.

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 would include students who have been attending public school outside their districts of residence or private school. **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 of 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.