



Kenilworth Public Schools

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Interdistrict Public School Choice Program 2020-2021 Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Kenilworth School District. Enclosed in this application packet are the following items:

1. Interdistrict Choice Application
2. Notice of Intent to Participate
3. Scholars' Academy Application

1. ***Interdistrict Choice Application*** should be completed by you and submitted to the Kenilworth School District at the address listed at the bottom of this form. You must complete all three (3) pages and sign the application form. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.
2. ***Notice of Intent to Participate*** should be completed by you and submitted to your district's board of education office. It is our recommendation that you request a date stamped copy for your files as proof that you submitted this form and attach a copy to the application. Your district's board of education office may notify you in writing of their approval. If you should receive this letter, please submit a copy of the letter with the application.
3. ***Scholars' Academy Application*** should be completed for students meeting the academic requirements and submitted by December 3, 2019. You must provide copies of the student's report card and NJSL test scores along with the completed application form. Students will also need to complete the entrance exam for the Kenilworth Scholars' Academy and will be notified of the test dates.

Applications must be submitted by **December 3, 2019** to:

**Lisa Casamento
Kenilworth School District
426 Boulevard
Kenilworth, NJ 07033
FAX: 908-709-7315**



For Office Use Only	
On time application	_____ Late application _____
Grade Applied For:	_____
<i>Enrollment Preferences granted:</i>	
_____ Sibling(s) in Choice District	
Sibling Grade in 2020-2021:	_____
Lottery # (if applicable):	_____

Interdistrict Public School Choice Application for Enrollment in a Choice District for 2020-2021 School Year

To be completed by the parent or legal guardian:

Student Information

Name of student applicant: _____
 Student address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home phone number: _____ Parent's cell phone: _____
 Parent's email: _____

Current School Information (2019-20)

Student's grade level for the current 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 upcoming 2020-2021 school year: _____
 Has the student been referred or is in the process of being referred for special education services? Yes ___ No ___
 Does student have an IEP? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please attach current copy of Individual Special Education Plan.
 Does student have a 504? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please attach current copy of the 504 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. If a student has a current IEP or 504 Plan, their acceptance into the program will be on a conditional basis contingent upon the ability to meet his/her special needs.

Does the student have a sibling enrolled in this choice district? Yes ___ No ___
 Sibling's name: _____ Sibling's grade in 2020-21: _____

Students interested in applying to the Kenilworth Scholars' Academy must also complete the Scholars' Academy application form and send copies of the student's report card and NJSLA test scores from previous school year by **December 3, 2019. Academy applicants will be required to take an entrance exam for the Kenilworth Scholars' Academy and will be notified of the test dates.**

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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 (2019-20) 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.

Enrollment preference may be given to students in the following circumstances: 1) applicants with siblings enrolled in the choice district; 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 desired 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.

The Kenilworth School District has adopted the following policies regarding student enrollment:

District Choice Policies	Does Policy Apply?
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.	No
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.	No Unless sibling is currently enrolled prior 2019-20 SY
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.	No
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <u>before the application deadline</u> . 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 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>	No
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 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.	No

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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 3, 2019

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

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**Notice of Intent to Participate
in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program
in the 2020-2021 School Year**

Date:

To: The Superintendent/Chief School Administrator of Student's Resident District:

As Parent/Legal Guardian of the student named below, I am submitting this written notification of my student's intent to enroll in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program in September 2020. If my child is accepted into a choice program, my child's resident district will be notified of such by the choice district by Jan. 17, 2020, or when enrollment is confirmed. *This form requires no response from the resident district, but parents should request a signed and dated receipt for confirmation of submission.*

Notes to Resident District

The purpose of this form is to give the resident district advance notice of the student's intent to apply to a choice district for enrollment in 2020-21.

Subsequently, if the student is accepted into a choice program, the resident district must be notified by January 17, 2020 by the choice district of the choice students who will be enrolling in the 2020-2021 school year. There may be cases when the choice district accepts late choice student applications. In these cases, the resident district will be notified as soon as the choice student confirms enrollment.

Transportation of choice students will be the responsibility of the *resident district*, provided the student meets the eligibility requirements of state law and the choice district school is within 20 miles of the student's residence. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

Notes to Parents Regarding Transportation

Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. Your student must meet the eligibility requirements: the school must be within 20 miles of your student's residence. If the cost of transportation will exceed the maximum amount established in the Annual Appropriations Act, the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of paying the additional amount over the maximum to receive the transportation. By Aug. 1, 2020, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

Student's Name:

Student's Home Address:

Current School:

Current grade:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

Email Address of Parent/Guardian:

Contact Number:

Kenilworth Scholars' Academy 2020-2021 Application



Engaging exceptional, career-minded students who aspire to contribute to a 21st Century global society by learning with small groups in the classroom, in the field and at the university level.

KENILWORTH SCHOLARS' ACADEMY 2020-2021 APPLICATION



- Career Focused
- Rigorous Courses
- Small Learning Environments
- 21st Century Global Awareness
- Field Experiences
- College-University Credit

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	Points:
Transcript	
Entrance Exam	
Essay	
Notes	
Total	

Applicant Information

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian City, State, Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____

Important: The application form, NJSLA Test Scores and report card must be submitted to:

Mr. Kyle C. Arlington, Superintendent Kenilworth Board of Education
426 Boulevard, Kenilworth NJ 07033

Application Deadline: December 3, 2019

Applications must include all of the following paperwork to be considered for acceptance.

- ➔ Completed Application
- ➔ Last year's NJSLA (Minimum score on both 750)
- ➔ Last year's report card

All applications to the Kenilworth Scholars Academy, received by December 3, 2019, will be considered for acceptance based on the following weighted criteria:

- +Class Grades
- +Entrance Exam
- +Standardized Test Scores
- +Essay Writing Sample

Eligible applicants will be contacted as to the date and location of the Kenilworth Scholars' Academy entrance exam.