

HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Choice District Profile for 2022-23 School Year

Hunterdon Central Regional School District
84 Route 31
Flemington, NJ 08822
Hunterdon

District grades: 9-12

Approved choice grades: 9-12

Total number of students enrolled in district: 3000

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Choice Program

One of the largest, campus-style high school districts in New Jersey, Hunterdon Central occupies a 72 acre campus and includes four general classroom buildings, a Music/Communications Building, a 2,000 seat Fieldhouse and an Instructional Media Center. The Music/Communications Building houses an FM radio station and cable television station, from which satellite downlinks are available. The school's rigorous and comprehensive academic program supports the District mission, "To create teaching and learning environments that engage all students, foster achievement and cultivate the skills needed to compete, connect and collaborate as ethical and responsible participants in a global society." The academic program is further enhanced by a co-curricular program that includes 33 interscholastic athletic teams, over 50 clubs and activities, including dramatics, student government, publications, service organizations, an award-winning marching band, and award-winning orchestral and choral programs. Students enrolled in Hunterdon Central through the Choice program are actively and successfully engaged in these academic and extra-curricular activities.

Due to the limited number of "new" seats, all eligible applicants will have opportunity for enrollment or waitlist status. Selection will not be determined by grade level. Preference is given to students enrolled at our sending district schools through the Choice program and siblings of Choice students currently enrolled at HCRHS.

More information about Hunterdon Central can be found on the District's website: www.hcrhs.org. Information on Hunterdon Central as a School Choice, including contact information, a calendar of important dates and a downloadable application, can be found by clicking on "Quick Links" then "School Choice" on Hunterdon Central's Homepage.

Choice Seats Availability

*The purpose of the chart below is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline in early December. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.*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 next 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. NA indicates the district is not accepting choice applications for those grades.*

District Notes About Choice Seats Availability (if available)

Maximum Number of *New* Choice Students that can be Enrolled: 5
School Name: Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	TBD
10	TBD
11	TBD
12	TBD

District Choice Policies	
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see choice website definitions of Tier 1 and Tier 2 and below).	YES
b. The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants who have a sibling currently attending the choice district, provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria.	YES
c. The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants 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 have a natural progression to this choice district), provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria.	YES
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 after the enrollment preference students described in b. and c. above, but ahead of other applicants), 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 front of the district's waitlist, provided the students will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria. No additional choice seats above the maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students.	NO

Transportation Note to Parents

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, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the *Choice School Transportation Procedures* found on the [Student Transportation webpage](#).

Tier 1 students

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. 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 both his/her prior and current district of residence, he/she is also considered Tier 1. Charter school students are 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. *Most students applying for kindergarten are in Tier 1.*

Tier 2 students

Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students. If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so 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. 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.