



Andover Regional School District Profile 2020-2021

Sussex County, New Jersey

Florence M. Burd School (Grades P-4) (FMB)

219 Newton-Sparta Road
Newton, NJ 07860

Long Pond School (Grades 5-8) (LPS)

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Newton, NJ 07860

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District grades: Pre-K, Kindergarten (full day) - 8

Approved Choice grades: Kindergarten (full day) - 8

Total number of students enrolled in district: 455

Choice Program

The Andover Regional School District is proud of the individual and collective academic achievement of its student population. We take pride in the efforts that the various school and community stakeholders make in planning and supporting educational programs that benefit all of our students. We currently have a full day kindergarten program, self-contained classes in first through fourth grade, departmentalized programming in grade five through eight, and several self-contained special education programs at both schools. At our schools, we also offer after school programs such as homework club, NJASK Prep classes, Art Highlights, Book Fairs, and Music Concerts. Further as an introduction to kindergarten we have a Safety Town program for nine days in the summer where young children become acclimated to the happenings in school and in our community. We also have an array of “encore” courses at the middle school level where students can learn and gain experience in areas outside of core content. In addition, we have a full complement of other special areas for student growth in meeting or exceeding the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) including specialists teaching physical education, health, art, vocal music, instrumental music, Spanish and library science to name a few. Further, we have expanded in the area of technology in our instructional areas to include interactive projectors in our classrooms. We also have a child study team on site along with after school care operated by the District. Additionally, we have multiple clubs in our district, as well as middle level interscholastic athletic programs. Our students “catch the learning spirit!”

Choice Seats Available for 2020-2021 School Year

Maximum Number of **New** Choice Students That can be Enrolled: **[0]**

Grade	Seat availability per grade
FMB - K	0
FMB - 1	0
FMB - 2	0
FMB - 3	0
FMB - 4	0
LPS - 5	0
LPS - 6	0
LPS - 7	0
LPS - 8	0



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District Choice Policies	Indicate Yes/No/NA
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definition below).	Yes
b. The district gives enrollment preference to applicants 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 and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	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 with a natural progression to this choice district), provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria.	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>	No
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, 2020, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the Transportation Procedures for choice students.

Tiers Explained

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.