

# Bloomsbury School District

## Choice District Profile for 2024-25 School Year

**Bloomsbury School District**  
**20 Main Street**  
**Bloomsbury, NJ 08804**  
**Hunterdon**

**District grades: Pre-K through 8**  
**Approved choice grades: K Through 8**  
**Total number of students enrolled in district: 100**

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### Choice Program

Nestled in northwestern Hunterdon County, Bloomsbury School District houses 97 students in grades pre-k through eight. The district prides itself on a “Small School, Big Family” approach with dedicated teachers, school board, PTO, parents, and community working together to ensure that students achieve their full academic potential and develop into lifelong learners through the use of combining proven, effective, traditional best practices with research-based, emerging methodologies.

Consistently meeting and exceeding district and state academic expectations, the district also focuses on core values interwoven with academic excellence. Our students are guaranteed small class sizes with a full offering of American Sign Language, supplementary subjects, clubs, and opportunities such as 1:1 technology ratio, STEAM, visual and performing arts, Student Council, Yearbook Club, Yoga, Drama, Geocaching, Art, Movie, Crochet, CIA, Lego Clubs, Academic Sessions, and many more.

We pride ourselves with being one of the first schools to pilot the New Jersey School Choice program in 2001 and offering students from all areas an exceptional education. Most of all, the district leads with kindness because with that, all great things will follow.

### Choice Seats Availability

*The purpose of the chart below is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline on November 30, 2022. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.*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.*

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## District Notes About Choice Seats Availability (if available)

**Maximum Number of New Choice Students that can be Enrolled: 4**

Grade	Seat availability per grade*
K	Available
1	Available
2	Available
3	Available
4	Available
5	Available
6	Available
7	Available
8	Available
9	N/A
10	N/A
11	N/A
12	N/A

District Choice Policies	
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see choice website <a href="#">definitions of Tier 1 and Tier 2</a> 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.	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 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.	Yes

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## 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 their prior and current district of residence, they are also considered Tier 1. Charter school students are Tier 1. To qualify as Tier 1 for kindergarten, a student must be attending their resident district preschool, or a student *has a sibling attending the choice district in the current year and the sibling will continue to be enrolled in the following year.*

### 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. Tier 2 students also include students applying for kindergarten who are **not** attending their resident district preschool and do not have a sibling attending the choice district in the current year.