

Oxford Central School



Choice District Profile 2018-19

Oxford Township School District
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17 Kent Street
Oxford, NJ 07863
Warren County

District grades: Kindergarten -8th
Approved Choice grades: Kindergarten – 8th
Total number of students enrolled in district: 275

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Choice Program

Oxford Township is located in rural western New Jersey at the foot of Oxford Mountain in the Skylands Region and along the Oxford Furnace Creek. We offer Pre-K, full day Kindergarten, and a full range of courses and school activities. OCS is a NJ School of Character, a National School of Character and our programs have been featured on NJ Classroom Close-up three times in the past 11 years! The schools' MARE program, in conjunction with Rutgers University, allows students to study the world's oceans and waterways. The school participates in the National Archery in the Schools Program and has been featured in numerous national magazines, local newspapers, the "Fox and Friends Show" and been NJ State Champs 11 years in a row! Other activities involve many field trips, and an 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. Typically our state assessment scores are commensurate with the state averages. Our district is fully wireless, has a 1:1 Chromebook program for grades 5-8 and houses two full computers labs. We offer a new Science curriculum in KG-8 and a new Social Studies curriculum for grades six and seven. We have an active PTA and the OCS Education Foundation!

Choice Seats Available for 2018-2019 School Year

The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline of Dec. 1, 2017. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.

Districts may have more seats available than they are approved to accept by the Department of Education; therefore, the seat availability shown by grade level below may be greater than the approved maximum number indicated. If more than the approved maximum number of applications is received, a lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed.

Maximum Number of New Choice Students That Can Be Enrolled: 2 (Two)

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Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	2
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	NA
10	NA
11	NA
12	NA

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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 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), provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria.	Not Applicable
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>	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

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 \$1000, the parent/guardian will be given \$1000 as aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of receiving the transportation and paying the additional amount over \$1000. By Aug. 1, 2018, 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 (2017-18) 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.