

Choice District Profile 2021-2022

Pittsgrove Township School District
1076 Almond Road
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
Salem County

District grades: K-12
Approved choice grades: K-12

Total number of students enrolled in district: 1,785

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Choice Program

On July 19, 2017, the New Jersey Commissioner of Education took action to consolidate the Elmer Borough Board of Education with the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:8-43, et seq. Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, both Pittsgrove Township and Elmer Borough are one unified school district—the Pittsgrove Township School District. Pittsgrove Township is a rural, agricultural community. It covers 45.42 square miles in Salem County and has a township population of approximately 9,400. Elmer Borough is a small town with over 1,350 residents and has a total area of just under one square mile. Together, Pittsgrove Township and Elmer Borough service over 1,700 students in grades Pre-K through 12.

The Pittsgrove Township School District is comprised of five schools: Norma Elementary School (Preschool Center), Elmer Elementary School (grades K-1), Olivet Elementary School (grades 2-4), the Pittsgrove Township Middle School (grades 5-8), and Arthur P. Schalick High School (grades 9- 12). Each of these five schools boasts their own unique strengths and attributes while sharing a common commitment to academic success and character education throughout the district. The District maintains a positive partnership with the parents/guardians and community. We encourage our parents to visit the schools, communicate with our staff, review our curricula, and become personally involved in their child's education. The District accepts School Choice students in grades K-12 (subject to available space). For the 2021-2022 school year, the Pittsgrove Township School District will offer a Tiered Lottery to assign seats to Choice students. Please note that siblings of current School Choice students are given priority to available seats.

Tiered Lottery: One or more grade levels are given priority in the lottery process. A separate lottery is held for each grade level that is designated a priority by the District. For example, all applicants for the same priority grade level are pooled together and names are randomly selected. Once available, priority seats are filled and the waitlist is created. Another lottery for the next priority grade level is held. Once all priority grade level lotteries have been held and waitlists are created, the remaining applications for the non-priority grade levels will be combined into a group lottery.

***For the 2021-2022 school year, the Pittsgrove Township School District has designated both Kindergarten and Grade 9 as the priority grade levels.**

Choice Seats Available for 2021-2022 School Year

The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline of December 3, 2020. 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 upcoming school year. If more than the approved 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.**

Maximum Number of New Choice Students that can be Enrolled: 21

School Name: Elmer Elementary, Olivet Elementary,
Pittsgrove Township Middle School, and
Arthur P. Schalick High School

Specialized Choice Program Name : N/A

Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	14
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	7
10	0
11	0
12	0

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 and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	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 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, 2021, 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 (2020-2021) 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.