

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT IN THE CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Each of Cherry Hill's three middle schools—Beck, Carusi, and Rosa International—offers opportunities that will challenge, enrich, and excite your youngsters. Each is led by dynamic administrators and staffed by talented teachers. At each school, staff and students are held to the same high standards — standards that reflect this district's philosophy that we can be an internationally benchmarked school district in which all students receive a preeminent education.

The Cherry Hill School District subscribes to many of the beliefs of the National Middle School Association, which recognizes that developmentally responsive middle level schools are characterized by:

- Educators committed to young adolescents
- A shared vision
- High expectations for all
- An adult advocate for every student
- Family and community partnerships
- A positive school climate

Therefore, each of the Cherry Hill School District's middle schools will offer your student:

- Curriculum that is challenging, integrative, and exploratory
- Varied teaching and learning approaches
- Assessment and evaluation that promote learning
- Flexible organizational structures
- Programs and policies that foster health, wellness, and safety
- Guidance and support services

Since Rosa International reopened as a middle school in 1999, middle school choice has been offered as an alternative to redistricting. Under the provisions of the school district's open enrollment policy (Policy 5117.1), **unless students apply to attend Rosa and are accepted under open enrollment, they will be assigned to Beck and Carusi based on the boundary guidelines in Policy 5117.** (Under the boundary guidelines, students from Barton, Paine, Kilmer,

Kingston, and Knight are assigned to Carusi and students from Cooper, Harte, Mann, Sharp, Stockton, and Woodcrest are assigned to Beck. Johnson students who reside in the 08003 zip code are assigned to Beck. Johnson students who reside in the 08034 zip code have the choice of attending Beck or Carusi. The choice must be submitted in writing.

For the 2016-2017 school year, the **Open Enrollment** period for the Rosa International Middle School is from **February 16, 2016 to February 26, 2016**. Families of students wishing to apply to attend the Rosa International Middle School must submit the "District Application for Open Enrollment" to the **Central Registration Office, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-0391, by 4:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016**. If necessary, an enrollment selection process will be held; applicant families will be notified of the status of their application in letters mailed on or about March 11, 2016. Applicants must return the "Open Enrollment Commitment Form" to the Central Attendance Office accepting or declining placement in the Rosa International Middle School by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016. **Failure to return the "Open Enrollment Commitment Form" by the deadline shall constitute a declination of open enrollment.**

A maximum enrollment for each grade of the Rosa International Middle School will be established. If applications for enrollment exceed that number for any year, selection among applicants shall be made by an enrollment selection process. A minimum enrollment goal for any entering grade will be established for students from the Beck and Carusi sending areas. The minimum enrollment goal shall be determined based on building capacities, and shall reflect the percentage of eligible students within both the Beck and Carusi sending areas.

Separate enrollment selection processes shall be held for each grade for which applications exceed the maximum enrollment. Separate enrollment selection processes will be conducted for applicants from Beck and Carusi sending areas, except that if there are fewer applicants from either sending area than the minimum enrollment goal for that school, all applicants from that school shall be offered admission, and no enrollment selection process need be held for that sending area.

Applicants shall be offered admission in the order selected in the enrollment selection process until the minimum enrollment goal is reached for students from each school. After the minimum enrollment goal is reached for both the Beck and Carusi sending areas, all remaining applicants from both sending areas shall be combined in a single enrollment selection process.

Selection among applicants will then be from the combined enrollment selection process until the maximum goal for the grade is reached. The enrollment selection process will continue beyond that point, with each applicant chosen beyond the maximum enrollment given a consecutive number beginning with one.

Applicants not initially offered admission shall be assigned a place on a waiting list, based on their enrollment selection process number. Openings subsequently arising shall be filled from the waiting list in the order determined by the enrollment selection process.

No application form is necessary if your child will be attending Beck or Carusi

Students moving into the school district seeking admission to Rosa International Middle School in any grade for which a waiting list exists shall be placed on the list and assigned the next available number.

EACH SCHOOL WILL HOST A MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT WHERE YOU CAN RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION! SEE DATES ON REVERSE SIDE.