

## **Facts about Open Enrollment in the Cherry Hill Public Schools**

The Cherry Hill School District currently offers open enrollment in accordance with Board of Education policies 5117 and 5117.1. These policies are subject to change by future Boards of Education. For more details, please refer to the relevant policies on the district website.

### **High School Open Enrollment**

- Current policy allows students entering grade 9 (or students new to the district entering grades 9 – 12) to attend either Cherry Hill High School East or Cherry Hill High School West with transportation provided by the district based on district guidelines.
- Students who opt for Open Enrollment must complete a High School Open Enrollment Form.
- Students do not need to apply for Open Enrollment if they plan to attend the high school in their geographic sending area. If no form is submitted, students are automatically assigned to High School East or High School West based on the boundary guidelines in Policy 5117. (Students residing in zip code 08003 attend Cherry Hill East; students residing in zip codes 08034 and 08002 attend Cherry Hill West).
- When students accept admittance under the Open Enrollment Policy, they are making a commitment for the complete number of grade levels at that school. Any request for a change of schools after commitment to open enrollment requires a waiver of Board policy.

### **Middle School Open Enrollment**

- Since Rosa International Middle School 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, unless students apply to attend Rosa and are accepted under open enrollment, they will be assigned to Beck Middle School or Carusi Middle School 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 are assigned to Beck or Carusi depending on where they live in relation to Route 295.)
- Each year, a maximum enrollment for each grade of Rosa will be established. If applications for enrollment exceed that number for any year, selection among applicants shall be made by lottery. Specifics of the lottery process are detailed in Policy 5117.1
- Transportation is provided under state guidelines for students who apply to attend Rosa and are accepted under open enrollment.

### **Elementary Open Enrollment**

- Elementary students may attend an elementary school outside of their geographic sending area, provided there is space available for open enrollment transfers at that school and grade level. Open enrollment requests are granted in August for the coming school year.
- Elementary students attending schools as open enrollment transfers will NOT receive district transportation.