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District grades: K - 12
Approved Choice grades: K - 11
Number of students enrolled in district: 2,230

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CHOICE PROGRAMS:

The Ocean City School District offers a comprehensive educational opportunity for students living in a family oriented city. As an inclusive school system, we also educate students who live outside our community through the State New Jersey’s Inter-District School Choice Program.

The Ocean City High School offers a comprehensive program of studies for grades 9 through 12. Students who apply for entry to ninth grade must make application to one of five academic programs. In order to receive consideration, students must meet the following academic criteria:

- A score of 737 or higher for 6th or 7th PARCC Summative Assessment in both Mathematics and Language Arts. A combination of testing years is allowable.
- Academic grades of B or higher in all academic courses as demonstrated on the final report card from 7th or 8th grade.
- Two letters of recommendation from academic teachers, counselors or administrators.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR CHOICE STUDENTS AT OCHS

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) – Engineering students will take part in the Project Lead the Way’s Pathway to Engineering curriculum. Students who complete the required coursework will receive an endorsement on their diploma signifying completion of this specialized program.

Performing Arts – Students who wish to explore and expand upon their artistic talents will chose to participate in one of two elective areas: Dance Fitness and Instrumental Music. Dance Fitness students will participate in a Physical Education program in which they will gain a basic understanding of dance as a physically demanding movement. In addition they will be exposed to a variety of dance disciplines and demonstrate the creative skill applications within each. The Instrumental Music program provides the opportunity for students with an intermediate level of ability to develop a high degree of ability in at least one musical instrument. Students may develop their performance skills through participation in one or more of the following; Jazz/Rock Ensemble, Wind Ensemble or Concert Band. Participation in Marching Band is required of those enrolled in either Wind Ensemble or Concert Band.

Choice Seats Available For the 2019-2020 School Year	
School Name: Ocean City High School	
Specialized Programs: ASL, STEM, Performing Arts, Academy of Finance and Banking, Tomorrow’s Teachers, TV/Media	
Current maximum number of <u>NEW</u> students that can be accepted: 33	
<i>Note: Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept.</i>	
Incoming 9th grade siblings of current school choice students and current choice students attending our sending districts will be given enrollment preference provided seats are available and they meet the academic criteria.	
Then a Lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed if more than the maximum number of applications is received.	
Grade	Seats
9	33

Academy of Finance and Banking – The Academy offers college level courses that enrich the traditional business curriculum. Students with an interest in owning their own business or majoring in a business related field should consider participating in the Academy. Courses included in the Academy that also have a dual enrollment feature with ACCC are: Business Management AF, Macroeconomics AF, Microeconomics AF, and College Accounting AF.

Tomorrow's Teachers Program – This Academy has been designed to attract students who possess exemplary interpersonal and leadership skills needed to consider a career in teaching. The program of studies will focus on psychology and the basic principles of human behavior and development, the study of the physical, social, emotional, intellectual and moral development of children, and will provide students with challenging, real-world projects and hands-on classroom experience typical of the educational field. Additionally, the program provides aspiring future teachers with the tools necessary to become community leaders with insights about teachers and schools that will enable them to be advocates of education.

Criminal Justice – The Criminal Justice Academy affords students unique educational opportunities and real world experiences surrounding the criminal justice field. The criminal justice academy will provide students with theoretical, practical and professional knowledge to be successful in the fields of policing, corrections, courts, and related service careers. Students will engage in challenging courses that stress academics and applied skills while developing characteristics of leadership and integrity

TV/Media - Students in the TV/Media Program will take advantage of the school's state of the art TV production studio and MAC editing lab. Courses include TV/Media Production I, II, III and Independent Study. Students also participate in the production of the "Current OC" Ocean City High School's exclusive television news magazine aired on OC-TV.

American Sign Language Academy – This Academy has been designed to attract students who love the way language can be used to make meaningful connections, have a passion for learning about diverse cultures and are interested in one day pursuing a career working with American Sign Language and the deaf community. The program of studies will focus on developing linguistic proficiency in ASL, a firm knowledge of deaf history, deaf culture and the everyday experiences of deafness. Students will learn about the importance of an inclusive environment where differences of opinions, beliefs, and values are sought, respected, and valued. Through rigorous coursework and real-world experience, students will understand the values of deaf and hard of hearing Americans with diverse perspectives, experiences, and abilities. Additionally, the program will provide aspiring ASL professionals with the tools necessary to become community leaders, advocates in education and allies in the deaf community.

District Choice Policies	Yes/No
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.	YES
b. The district gives enrollment preference to students who have a sibling currently attending the choice district provided seats are available in the requested grade and they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and 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).	YES
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <u>before</u> the application deadline. 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), PROVIDED that there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/ programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria.	YES
e. The district gives special consideration to resident students who move <u>after</u> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants, PROVIDED that 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 special consideration will not apply.</i>	YES

TRANSPORTATION NOTE TO PARENTS:

Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. If the cost of transportation 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, 2019, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.