

**Byram Township Schools**  
**Choice District Profile 2020-2021**

**Byram Township Schools**  
**12 Mansfield Drive**  
**Stanhope, New Jersey 07874**  
**Sussex County**

**District grades: PSD-8**  
**Approved Choice grades: K-8**  
**Total number of students enrolled in district: 813**

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**CHOICE PROGRAM :**

The Byram Township School District offers any participating Choice Program student all the same programs as resident students. The district has implemented a full day kindergarten program for the last five years. The district has a Mass Media Studio at the intermediate school and a STEM program in each of the district schools with a state of the art lab installed at the Byram Intermediate School. A one to one program has been implemented at the elementary and intermediate schools as each student grades 2-8 has been provided with a Chromebook. The Readers' Workshop approach is continuing to be implemented at both the elementary level and intermediate school levels. It complements the Journeys reading program at the Byram Lakes Elementary School and it is incorporated as a hybrid model at the intermediate school. Working with the understanding that all students learn at a different pace and differing abilities, this program allows each student to work with reading material, such as chapter or trade books, at his/her own level while still being able to focus on the same skill being taught/learned in class. The Byram Lakes Elementary School offers Art, Music, Spanish, World Cultures, Enrichment, STEaM, Environmental Club, and an extracurricular activity called Fit Club. Keyboarding skills are also taught at the elementary school. Also, students in grades three and four can participate in chorus and fourth grade students are permitted to take instrumental lessons as well. The Byram Lakes Elementary School provides ninety minutes of language arts daily and seventy-five minutes for math to its students daily. The Byram Intermediate School students have approximately eighty-four minutes each day dedicated to math and eighty-four minutes daily for language arts to focus on the needs of the students, whether it is remediation, reinforcement, or enhanced academic rigor. Byram Intermediate School students participate in related arts classes such as: Art, Music, Physical Education and Health, Health and Life Management, Keyboarding, Spanish, Mass Media, and STEM. Extracurricular activities and sports at the Byram Intermediate School include: Band, Chorus, the Byram Environmental Education Club, SEEK, Cheerleading, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Track and Field, Drama, Rampage (school newspaper), Yearbook, and STEaM Club. Both schools offer a successful before and after school academic assistance in the areas of math and language arts.

Choice Seats Available For the 2020-2021 School Year	
School Name: Byram Lakes Elementary School Specialized Program Name: NA Grades: PSD-4	
<p align="center"><b>Maximum <u>TOTAL</u> number of <u>NEW</u> Choice students that can be accepted in the district: 8</b></p> <p align="center"><b>NOTE: Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept, therefore, the seat availability shown below may be greater than the maximum number indicated above.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD AND A WAITLIST WILL BE DEVELOPED IF MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IS RECEIVED.</b></p>	
Grade	Potential seat availability per grade
K	8
1	8
2	8
3	5
4	4
5	NA
6	NA
7	NA
8	NA
9	NA
10	NA
11	NA
12	NA

Choice Seats Available For the 2020-2021 School Year	
School Name: Byram Intermediate School Specialized Program Name: NA Grades: 5-8	
<p align="center"><b>Maximum <u>TOTAL</u> number of <u>NEW</u> Choice students that can be accepted in the district: 8</b></p> <p align="center"><b>NOTE: Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept, therefore, the seat availability shown below may be greater than the maximum number indicated above.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD AND A WAITLIST WILL BE DEVELOPED IF MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IS RECEIVED.</b></p>	
Grade	Potential seat availability per grade
K	NA
1	NA
2	NA
3	NA
4	NA
5	0
6	8
7	0
8	0
9	NA
10	NA
11	NA
12	NA

District Choice Policies	
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definitions 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.	Yes
d. If the district has already reached its approved choice enrollment maximum, this preference will not apply. 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, 2020, 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 (2019-20) 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.