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## **Chapter 21. Marie H. Katzenbach School for The Deaf**

### **Subchapter 1. General Provisions**

#### **6A:21-1.1 Purpose and scope**

- (a) This chapter provides the rules regarding eligibility, admission, and graduation of students at the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf (Katzenbach School) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:61-1 et seq. The rules also provide for an appeals process if a student is refused admission to the Katzenbach School.
- (b) The rules govern district boards of education that apply to enroll students at the Katzenbach School.

#### **6A:21-1.2 Definitions**

The following words and terms shall have the following meaning when used in this chapter, unless the content clearly indicates otherwise.

"Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf" or "Katzenbach School" means the State-operated residential and day education facility that provides instruction for auditorily impaired students in the following areas: early intervention, preschool through high school, and vocational education.

"Residential student" means a student who boards at the Katzenbach School Monday through Thursday during the school year.

"Sending district board of education" means a district board of education that applies to, or sends a student to, the Katzenbach School.

"Student" means an auditorily impaired (deaf or hard-of-hearing) person of suitable age and capacity for instruction and services, who is a legal resident of the State and not over 21 years of age.

## **Subchapter 2. Admissions, Tuition, and Graduation Procedures**

### **6A:21-2.1 Student eligibility for admission**

- (a) A student age three through 21 shall be eligible to attend the Katzenbach School based on the following criteria:
1. All students shall be classified, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-8 and as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.5, as auditorily impaired, preschool-disabled, or multiply disabled with an auditory deficit.
  2. Students shall have a residence other than the Katzenbach School on days when the school is not in operation, including weekends.
- (b) No eligible student who is domiciled in New Jersey shall be denied admission due to the enrollment of out-of-State students.

### **6A:21-2.2 Tuition**

- (a) The education provided at the Katzenbach School shall be provided at no expense to auditorily impaired children or their parents or guardians if:
1. The parents or guardians reside in the State;
  2. The student is domiciled within the State; or
  3. The student resides in the home of another person domiciled within the State and is supported gratis by that person as if the student were that person's own child, subject to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1.b.
- (b) The Commissioner shall establish the tuition rate charged to out-of-State students.

### **6A:21-2.3 Graduation**

- (a) An enrolled student who completes the high school program at the Katzenbach School and who has satisfied the high school graduation requirements according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 and 6A:14-3.7(e)9 and 4.11 shall be eligible for a State-endorsed high school diploma.
  - 1. The student shall have the choice of receiving the State-endorsed high school diploma of the Katzenbach School or the sending district board of education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.11(c).
- (b) All student records shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-7.9.

### **Subchapter 3. Sending District Board of Education Requirements**

#### **6A:21-3.1 Admissions process**

- (a) The sending district board of education shall apply for a student's admission to the Katzenbach School by submitting a completed application form that includes:
  - 1. Information regarding the student and the school district; and
  - 2. Copies of the student's individualized education program and other supporting documentation as determined and requested by the Katzenbach School.
- (b) The Katzenbach School superintendent shall notify the parent/guardian and sending district board of education regarding the disposition of the student's application within 30 calendar days of the application's receipt.

#### **6A:21-3.2 (Reserved)**

## **Subchapter 4. Appeals**

### **6A:21-4.1 Appeals**

A student denied admission to the Katzenbach School, or his or her parent or guardian, may seek to initiate a due process hearing in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.7. All appeals regarding the chapter's rules by a party other than a student, or his or her parent or guardian, shall be made in writing to the Commissioner of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.2 to 1.17.