

**New Jersey Department of Education
Division of Facilities and Transportation
Office of School Facilities Financing**

Qualified Zone Academy Bond Project Application

PUBLIC SCHOOLS (OTHER THAN CHARTER SCHOOLS)

Section I. Project Information (To be completed by the Applicant)

Filing Date:		
	Code	Name
County & Code:		
District & Code:		
School & Code:		
District Contact:		
District Phone#:		
District Fax #:		
District E-Mail:		

The above-named school district applies for the designation of the school identified above as a Qualified Zone Academy and for the school facility project below to be eligible for the QZAB funding pursuant to Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code on the basis of the information contained in this application and its attachments. See N.J.A.C. 6:25 et seq.

Section II. Assurances

The school district must certify by the signature of an authorized representative that the school district satisfies Criterion 1 (either a or b), and Criteria 2-3 (check appropriate boxes).

Criterion 1: Qualified by virtue of location or composition of student body:

a) Location The school district is located in an Empowerment Zone or in an Enterprise Community.

Or

b) Composition of Student Body There is a reasonable expectation as of the date of issuance of the bonds that at least 35% of the students attending the school or participating in the program will be eligible for free or reduced cost lunch established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program.

Criterion 2: Project Requirements:

To be eligible for QZAB funding, a school facilities project shall:

- Be included in a district's approved long-range facilities plan (LRFP);
- Be approved as a school facilities project by the Department pursuant to: N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.3; Section 4(b) of EFCFA; or pursuant to Section 9c of EFCFA;
- Not be completed at the time of submission of an application for QZAB Program funding;
- Consist of rehabilitation work, including equipment related to the rehabilitation of the school facility that houses a qualified zone academy; and
- Be located in a school facility eligible for a private business contribution by a private entity.

State Project Number:	
DOE approval status:	
Project Status:	
Preliminary Eligible Construction Cost:	
State Share:	
Local share:	
Brief description of Project:	

Criterion 3: Comprehensive Education plan requirements

The public school or academic program within a public school is established and operated under the supervision of an eligible local education agency (school district) to provide education or training below the post-secondary level, and

Such school or program is designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and an increasingly complex workforce, and

Students enrolled in the qualified zone academy program are subject to the same academic standards and assessments as other students in the district, and

The comprehensive education plan is approved by the local education agency in the form of the private business commitment to the school, which will be supplied by the State.

Deadline: As per N.J.A.C.6A:25-3.2, except that applications submitted after the deadline may be reviewed and funded in the next calendar year in which bonds may be sold, subject to the availability of bond cap allocation.

The undersigned hereby certifies that to the best of my knowledge the information in this application is true and correct and is in compliance with statutes and administrative provisions of the New Jersey Department of Education.

Date of District Approval	Signature of Chief School Administrator or the School Business Administrator	Date
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(Department Use Only)

Date Project Approved	QZAB Authorized	Signature of Authorized Department Official
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