

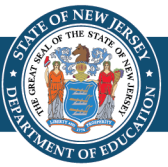
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N.J.A.C. 6A:12, Interdistrict Public School Choice

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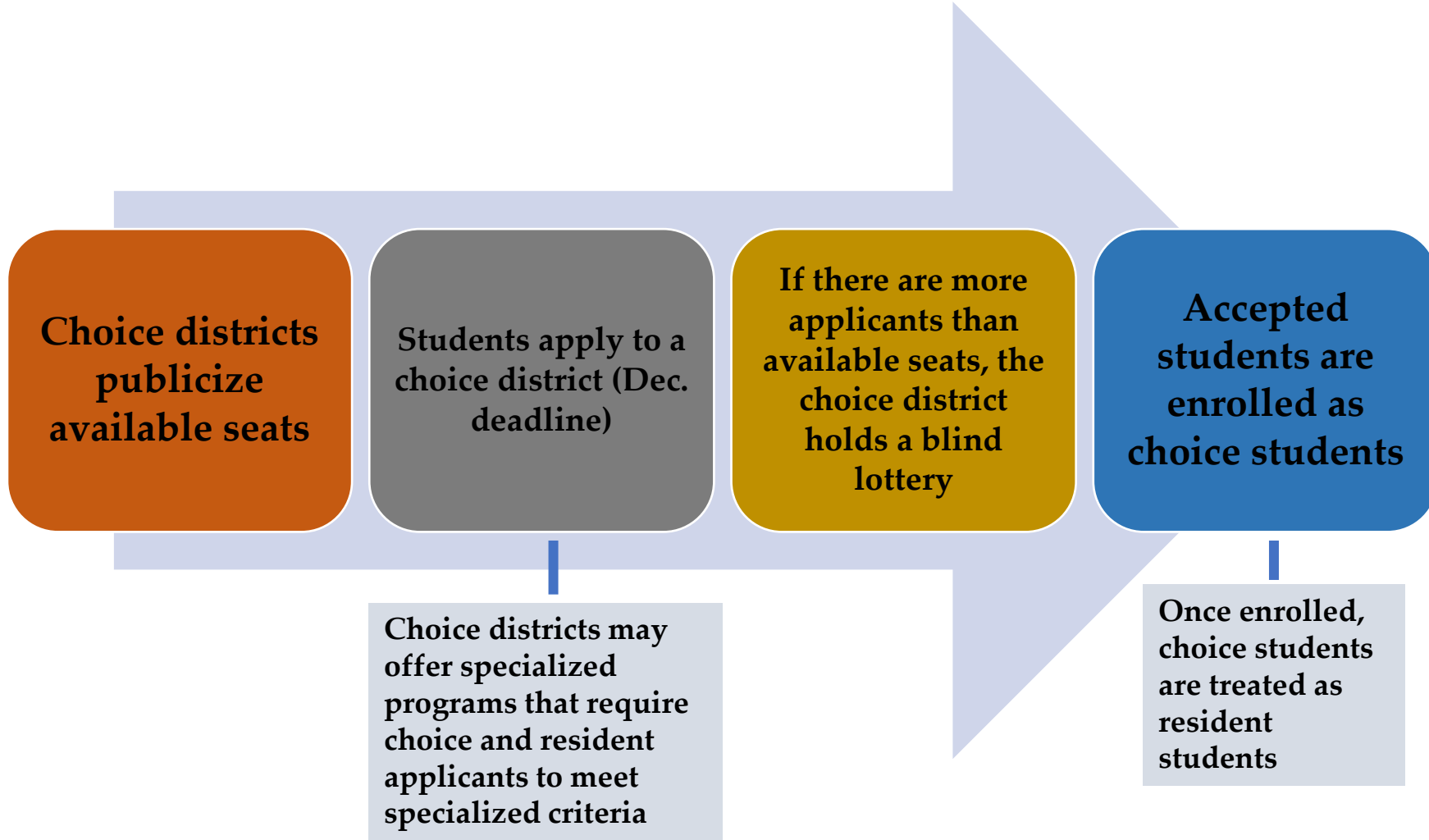




Overview

This chapter sets forth the applicable definitions, rules, and responsibilities of school districts that participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice program, including the student application and selection process, as well as the rules and responsibilities of the resident districts whose students leave to participate as choice students in a choice district.

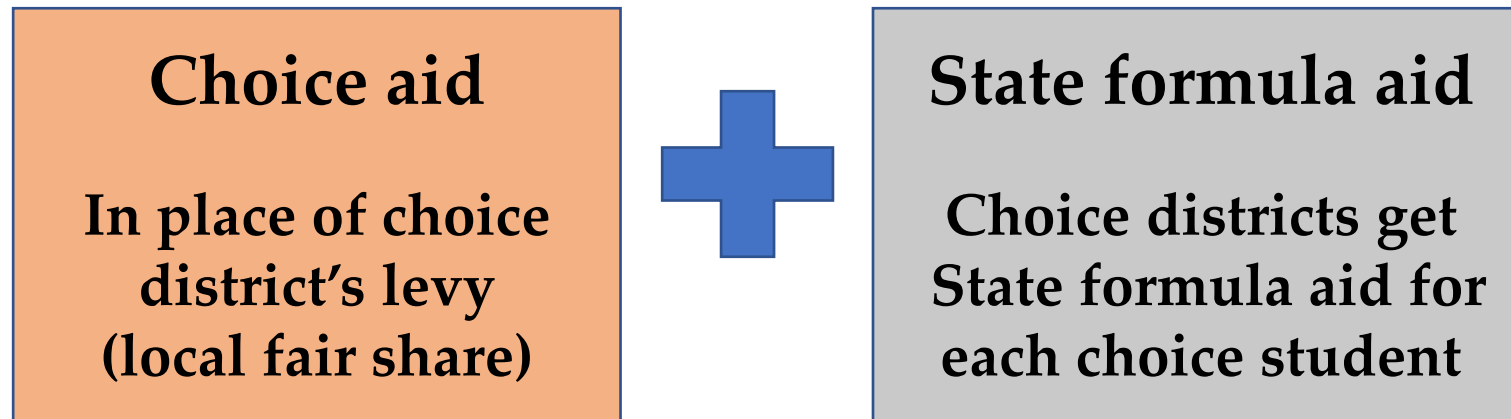
Student Application & Enrollment Process (12 months)



Program Funding - SFRA



- The State pays choice aid for each choice student who enrolls. Choice aid is provided so the choice district does not have to raise the school tax levy for the additional students. (The resident district keeps the levy for students who choice out.)
- The student is also counted in the calculation of State formula aid for the choice district (not the sending district).
 - ✓ Except: Transportation aid stays with the sending district, which continues to provide transportation.





Rulemaking Overview



- Streamline and consolidate language for clarity and alignment with the statute and for consistency with other chapters in the administrative code.
- Align code with revisions to P.L. 2023, c. 61, which requires payment of tuition for nonresident students.
- Clarify and codify the processes required of choice districts to ensure consistent operation of the program at N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1.
- Provide detailed steps in the student application timeline at N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.2.
- Enumerate the requirements for Department review and approval of a sending district seeking to limit their students' participation in a choice program to ensure consistency with the underlying statute, N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-21 a.(1), and pursuant to an Appellate Division decision at N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.4(a) through (c).



Proposed Regulatory Adoption Timeline



SUNSET DATE: April 2024

- First Discussion State Board of Education January 2024
- Second Discussion State Board of Education February 2024
- Proposal Level State Board of Education March 2024
- Proposal Summary and Code
Published in New Jersey Register (NJR) April 2024
- Adoption State Board of Education August 2024
- Adoption Materials Published in NJR September 2024





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