

CHAPTER 78

MARIE H. KATZENBACH SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Authority

N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-10 et seq., 18A:39-1, 18A:46-1 et seq., 18A:60-2 to 60-3 and 18A:61-1 et seq.

Source and Effective Date

R.1993 d.543, effective October 8, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 3592(a), 25 N.J.R. 4904(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 22(1994), Chapter 78, Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, expires on April 8, 2000. See: 26 N.J.R. 3783(a) and 3942(a).

Chapter Historical Note

All provisions of this chapter became effective prior to September 1, 1969. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 78 was readopted as R.1993 d.543. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations for specific rulemaking activity.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

6:78-1.1 Function of the Marie H. Katzenbach School

(a) The function of the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf is to provide residential and day education facilities and instruction for auditorily handicapped children from birth through 21 years of age in the following areas:

1. Early intervention;
2. Preschool through high school; and
3. Vocational education.

(b) The education is to be at no expense to auditorily handicapped children, their parents or guardians if:

1. The parents or guardians of such children reside in the State;
2. The pupil is domiciled within the State; or
3. The pupil is kept in the home of another person domiciled within the State and is supported by such other person gratis as if he or she were such other person's own child, subject to compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1(b).

(c) An enrolled pupil who exits the high school program shall meet the high school graduation requirements according to N.J.A.C. 6:28-4.4, 6:8-7.1 and 6:39-1.5, unless exempted in his or her individualized education program. Fulfillment of the individualized education program requirements would qualify the pupil for a State-endorsed diploma. The pupil shall have the choice of receiving the State-endorsed diploma of the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf or the school district of residence.

Amended by R.1974 d.167, effective June 27, 1974.
See: 6 N.J.R. 259(a).

Amended by R.1988 d.534, effective November 7, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 1678(a), 20 N.J.R. 2754(b).

Section substantially amended.
Amended by R.1993 d.543, effective November 1, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 3592(a), 25 N.J.R. 4904(a).

6:78-1.2 Admission requirements

(a) Application for admission shall be made to the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf through the pupil's district board of education in accordance with the admission procedures established by the school.

(b) All applications will be processed by the admissions office. A completed application form must be accompanied by:

1. Classification conference report;
2. Individualized education program;
3. Psychological assessment;
4. Educational assessment;
5. Social assessment;
6. Comprehensive health appraisal and record of immunizations;
7. Audiological evaluation;
8. Hearing aid evaluation;
9. Specialists' evaluations as appropriate;
10. Speech and language evaluation; and
11. Achievement test scores.

(c) An on-site screening will be conducted by the admissions committee which shall be comprised of the following Katzenbach school personnel: director of admissions; learning disabilities teacher-consultant; school psychologist; school audiologist; school social worker; program administrator; and others when deemed necessary.

(d) The admissions committee shall review the application and prepare a recommendation to the superintendent.

The superintendent shall review the application and shall notify the parent/guardian and district board of education regarding the disposition of the pupil's application within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application by the admissions office.

(e) All applicants of suitable age and who are legal residents of the State shall be eligible for admission. The following criteria shall be utilized for admission:

1. All applicants, ages three through 21, must be classified as auditorily handicapped, preschool handicapped or multiple handicapped with an auditory deficit in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. and as defined in N.J.A.C. 6:28-3.5.

2. Potential of the Katzenbach program to provide appropriate instruction for each applicant shall be determined by the admissions committee assessing the applicant's communicative needs and the preferred mode of communication; linguistic needs; severity of hearing loss and the potential for using residual hearing; academic level and style of learning; social needs; placement preference; emotional needs; individual motivation; and Deaf cultural needs. Further assessment shall also be made on health status; self-help skills; physical education and recreation needs; and prevocational and vocational skills. This determination shall be made upon review of the completed application, the results of the on-site screening and the ability of the school program to fulfill the requirements of the applicant's individualized education program.

3. Applicants must have a residence other than the school. The residential program operates on a five-day weekly schedule. The school closes on weekends, holidays and other prescribed vacation periods. There are no provisions for permanent residence.

(f) If an applicant has a multiple handicapping condition, but his or her major educational handicap is auditory impairment, special programs, facilities and specialized personnel may be added in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-15 and 61-2 to accommodate such applicant.

(g) If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the placements available at the school, the number admitted shall be apportioned so that each county is represented by the ratio of its auditorily handicapped pupil population to the total pupil population of the State.

(h) An applicant who is refused admission after following the admission procedures may appeal such decision in writing to the Commissioner of Education. Such appeal shall be processed by the Department of Education in conformity with the procedures contained in N.J.A.C. 6:24-1.

(i) If the number of placements available at the school are not filled by State residents, then out-of-State applicants may be considered for placement. Tuition charged to out-of-State applicants, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, will be calculated by dividing the approved operational budget by the projected enrollment for the year of student attendance. Such tuition shall be calculated separately for the regular program and the deaf/blind program and differentiated for day and residential placements. No eligible New Jersey resident shall be denied admission due to the enrollment of out-of-State pupils.

Amended by R.1974 d.167, effective June 27, 1974.

See: 6 N.J.R. 259(a).

New Rule, R.1988 d.534, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 1678(a), 20 N.J.R. 2754(b).

Old section was repealed.

Amended by R.1993 d.543, effective November 1, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3592(a), 25 N.J.R. 4904(a).

6:78-1.3 Transportation

(a) A district board of education shall be required to furnish necessary daily transportation Monday through Friday to and from the Katzenbach School for nonboarding pupils when such transportation is approved by the county superintendent of schools in accordance with such rules and regulations as the State Board shall promulgate for such transportation.

(b) The residential portion of the Katzenbach program operates on a five-day week. All pupils are required to be the responsibility of the parents or legal guardian each weekend throughout the school year and those other times designated as holidays by the school calendar.

(c) The Katzenbach School shall develop a general plan of transportation for residential pupils which includes the following:

1. Determination of regional pick-up and drop-off sites and times;
2. Transportation of pupils between the school and the established regional sites; and
3. The assignment of an adult monitor to each bus.

(d) District boards of education are responsible for the transportation of residential pupils between established regional sites and the pupil's home in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:28-3.7(a)5. Such transportation is eligible for State transportation aid.

Amended by R.1974 d.70, effective March 20, 1974.

See: 6 N.J.R. 132(a).

Amended by R.1988 d.534, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 1678(a), 20 N.J.R. 2754(b).

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