



# GATEWAY ACADEMY



Boonton High School

Morris County

**School Address :**

**306 Lathrop Avenue**

**Boonton, NJ 07005**

**District Grades: PK-12**

**Total number of students enrolled in district: 1366**

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**PROGRAM:**

The Boonton School District introduced the Gateway Academy as an interdistrict school choice option for students who live within twenty miles of Boonton High School in September 2013. This academy program is designed for students who meet stringent academic criteria.

If accepted into the Gateway Academy, participating students engage in academic coursework that will provide the opportunity to gain a full year of collegiate credit during the regular school day at Boonton High School and within the traditional four year high school period. International and national trips compliment Boonton High School's unique academic program and Gateway Academy students also have the distinct honor of touring Ivy League campuses each year. Each month, Gateway Academy students attend and present at lunchbox lectures. Gateway Academy students also participate in a targeted four-year mentor program that will enhance leadership skills and culminate in a unique senior year multimedia thesis project.

The Gateway Academy is not a segregated program. Students are fully integrated into the vibrant culture of Boonton High School's extra- and co-curricular programs and enjoy the school's enhanced facilities and innovative new activities. Boonton High School is a small, comprehensive academic school that promotes student achievement, creative growth, and leadership development. Forging connections with students and parents is paramount to the staff and administrators of Boonton High School.

**Choice Seats Available for 2019-2020 School Year**

The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline of Dec. 3, 2018. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.

The Department of Education limits the number of choice seats that each district can fill. The "maximum number of new choice students that can be enrolled" tells parents how many *new* choice students the district can enroll in the upcoming school year. If more than the approved maximum number of applications is received, a lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed. **Waitlists will be developed for all approved choice grades even if no seats are currently available.**



<b>Available Seats For the 2019-2020 School Year</b>	
<b>Boonton High School The Gateway Academy</b>	
<b>Maximum number of new students that can be accepted: 1</b>	
<p><b>NOTE: Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept.</b></p> <p><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 Level	Available Seats
9	1

**Boonton Public Schools**

<b>District Choice Policies</b>		
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.		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.		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).		Not applicable
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <u>before</u> the application deadline. 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), PROVIDED that 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 <u>after</u> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants, PROVIDED that 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 special consideration will not apply.</i>		No

### 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, 2019 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 (2018-19) 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.