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A Message From The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

Superintendent of Schools

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Central Office Leadership Team of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), it is my distinct pleasure to welcome everyone back for the 2023-24 school year!

As I was appointed superintendent on July 1, following the tremendous work over the decades by my predecessor and mentor, Mark Finkelstein, I am filled with excitement about the new school year and all we are going to accomplish together this year.

ESCNJ is a changing, dynamic organization. With our schools at or near capacity in enrollment, as sending school districts take advantage of our top-quality services, ESCNJ is soaring to new heights. We continue to spread the word about the enormous and diverse services that we provide for our students, at a cost that is considerably lower than the tuition that private schools charge sending school districts.

Dedicated to keeping our tuition as affordable as possible, our objective for the upcoming school year is to continue to highlight the innovation surrounding the programs and services that we offer students who have very challenging disabilities. We also remain focused on greatly expanding our non-educational programs to funnel even more revenue into our specialized instruction programs and further support our talented students and dedicated staff.

Offsetting the high cost of special education, ESCNJ is widely known for generating revenue through our purchasing cooperative, lease-purchasing financing, transportation services, professional conference center, professional consulting, expanded aquatics and fitness center and many other services unrelated to classroom learning.

Without these ancillary services generating revenue, our per-pupil tuition would be up to 50% higher. You can quickly see why these non-education programs are so critical to our overall mission to provide a better special education experience, near where our students live, for considerably less cost to taxpayers.

ESCNJ continues to evolve and prepare for the future. That is why we are implementing a comprehensive business plan and marketing program to make our non-educational programs even more successful, such as our newly-renovated aquatics center in Sayreville and our recently-constructed Professional Conference Center in Piscataway.

We already have, for example, the largest purchasing cooperative program in the state, with more than 1,475 NJ members, all of which has saved millions of dollars through our tremendous purchasing power. Our purchasing cooperative now includes members from Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia, as we continue to seek new opportunities, both near and far.

Our co-op members include municipalities, counties, school boards and authorities, all of which save considerable taxpayer money by using the vendors who have been thoroughly vetted through our program. We are convinced our co-op is poised for infinite growth, with the focus squarely on the benefit of the students we serve.

Through the enormous vision of my predecessors, ESCNJ has evolved into a national model for high-quality, affordable public special education. I'm preparing to take that success to the next level in 2023-24. I hope you can be a big part of it.

Best Regards,
Nadia Romano, Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Dale Caldwell and Supt. Nadia Romano

Board President

On behalf of the ESCNJ Board of Directors, I'm pleased to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year. We proudly return to school, prepared for so many robust and lasting learning opportunities for our students.

We are especially pleased to provide updates about our non-educational programs and services, which continue to financially support our vibrant schools and programming.

ESCNJ has implemented an intensive marketing program to spread the word about our professional conference center, located on our Piscataway campus. The 4,484-square-foot facility is ideal for meetings, retreats and special events for both community and corporate use. The center features two professional meeting spaces with the capacity to accommodate approximately 300 people.

ESCNJ is eagerly looking to maximize the potential of this center by hosting many more events, with the revenue used to further support the quality educational services provided to all our students. We have launched a website - ESCNJEvents.com - to further market the center, with groups who want to experience the newest meeting space in Middlesex County.

We are also pleased to market the newly-expanded fitness and aquatics center on Cheesequake Road in Sayreville. During the pandemic, we used the opportunity to renovate the building and create a second-to-none amenity open for membership to the entire community. ESCNJ has hired a site director to oversee this 17,000-square-foot gem; the potential is boundless as we already have seen an uptick in participants.

Renovations have been completed at the Piscataway Regional Day School (PRDS) building on our main campus, after the state sold the property to ESCNJ. There's already new flooring, restrooms and windows, as the focus is now on new roofing and a HVAC system. We are eager to modernize the building to meet our high expectations for all ESCNJ facilities.

The Pathways to Adult Living Program (PAL) in Sayreville continues to blossom, becoming one of the most popular programs we offer to provide real-world working environments for people with disabilities. Many of the students are now employed at Applegreen, which operates 21 service plazas along the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike.

This year marks the seventh year of the productive collaboration between Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care and the NuView Academy in Piscataway. The Rutgers staff, comprising mental health therapists, clinicians, counselors, and nurses, are onsite and available to students every day.

The ESCNJ Board of Directors is tremendously proud of the administration, teaching staff and students. I am looking forward to a productive and safe 2023-2024 school year, as we continue to expand and evolve to be one of the most successful educational services commissions in the country.

I also want to express my appreciation to Schools Superintendent Nadia Romano, who took over the role on July 1 with the retirement of long-time Schools Superintendent Mark Finkelstein. Superintendent Romano has worked in the central administrative offices of ESCNJ for a number of years and is ideally and uniquely qualified to have taken the reins. I look forward to celebrating many successes with her and her talented team.

On behalf of all of our Board members - comprising 30 school districts representing seven counties across the state - I want to thank you for your continuous support as we provide the most innovative, yet cost-effective, services for the direct benefit of our students and New Jersey taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dale Caldwell, Board President

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Full Day Faculty & Staff-Schools Only)	2
3	4 LABOR DAY (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	5 1st FULL DAY OF SCHOOL	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (All Schools)	22 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	23
24	25 YOM KIPPUR (Schools Closed)	26	27	28	29	30



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PLEASE NOTE: Photographs and videos are frequently taken of students to illustrate school programs or for publicity purposes. Parents and guardians must notify building principals in writing to exclude students if desired.

SEE THE BACK COVER FOR A COMPLETE DIRECTORY OF NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS.

Calendar-At-A-Glance

9/1 Full Day Staff Development (Full Day Faculty Staff-Schools Only)

9/4 Labor Day (Schools/ACS Program closed)

9/5 1st Day of School

9/21 Back to School Night (All schools)

9/22 ESCNJ Board Meeting

9/25 Yom Kippur (Schools closed)

10/9 Professional Development for ACS Only (Program closed)

10/20 ESCNJ Board Meeting

10/26 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

11/9-10 NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)

11/15-16 Parent/Teacher Conference (Early dismissal all schools)

11/17 ESCNJ Board Meeting

11/23-24 Thanksgiving (All Schools and ACS Program closed)

12/7 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

12/15 ESCNJ Board Meeting

12/25-1/1 Winter Recess (All Schools/ACS Program closed)

1/15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (All Schools/ACS Program closed)

1/19 ESCNJ Board Meeting

1/25 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

1/25 Professional Development-ACS Only (Program closed)

2/19 President's Day (All Schools/ACS Program closed)

2/22 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

2/23 ESCNJ Board Meeting

3/8 Professional Development-ACS Only (Program closed)

3/21 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

3/22 ESCNJ Board Meeting

3/29-4/5 Spring Recess (Schools closed - ACS Program closed only on 3/29)

4/15 Professional Development-ACS Only (Program closed)

4/18 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

4/24-25 Parent/Teacher Conference (Early dismissal all schools)

4/26 ESCNJ Board Meeting

5/15 Professional Development-ACS Only (Program closed)

5/23 Half Day Staff Development (Early dismissal all schools)

5/27 Memorial Day (All School/ACS Program closed)

6/7 ESCNJ Board Meeting

6/12 Professional Development-ACS Only (Program closed)

6/17 Tentative Last Day of School

Board Of Directors

Dr. Dale Caldwell, **President**

Dr. David Roman, **Vice President**

Member Districts

Bergen County Technical Schools/Special Services	Monroe
Carteret	New Brunswick
Clementon	North Brunswick
Cranbury	Old Bridge
Dunellen	Perth Amboy
East Brunswick	Piscataway
Edison	Plainfield
Highland Park	Robbinsville
Jackson	Sayreville
Jamesburg	Somerset Hills
Metuchen	South Amboy
Middlesex	South Brunswick
Middlesex County Magnet Schools	South Plainfield
Milltown	South River
Millville	Spotswood
	Woodbridge

ESCNJ Mission Statement

The mission of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey is to provide statewide excellence to students in partnership with New Jersey school districts, and coordinate cost efficient purchasing opportunities for educational institutions and municipalities to limit the tax burden on New Jersey residents.

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed for Participants)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	21
22	23	24	25	26 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools)	27	28
29	30	31				





Academy Learning Center

145 Pergola Avenue • Monroe Township, NJ 08831

(732) 605-9100

For Students Ages 3 - 21

School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Ms. Stacy Rieger, BCBA, *Principal* • Ms. Nicole Paturzo BCBA, *Supervisor*

The Academy Learning Center offers two specialized programs. The Program for Students with Autism has operated since 1996 and is based upon the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), including Verbal Behavior techniques. It serves more than 90 students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in a minimum of a 2:1 student to staff ratio. An intensive and individualized program is provided for all students. The Program for Students with Multiple Disabilities has operated since 1992 and serves approximately 40 students with moderate to severe Cognitive, Neurological, Medical and/or Orthopedic disabilities. A major focus is on the development of independent functional skills in language, academic, social and vocational areas. Medical monitoring, seizure management, and dysphagia interventions are available. Program staff members work closely with parents in an intensive and individualized model.

School-wide specializations include:

- Data-Based Programming
- AAC evaluation and training
- BCBAs on staff
- Behavior management planning including FBAs and FAs
- Integrated related services
- Social skills training
- Community-Based Instruction (CBI), including job sampling
- Comprehensive Vocational Education programming, including in-school jobs and job sampling
- Parent Training Series/Home Visits
- VB-MAPP and Functional Skills Assessment

Skills Assessments:

- ABA instruction focusing on functional academic skills
- Adaptive physical education, music and art instruction
- Emphasis on functional skills to increase independence in the home, school and community

The facility features:

- Observation rooms in every classroom
- A spacious gym
- Cafeteria
- OT/PT room
- Activities of daily living room
- Vocational education room
- Sensory room and Sensory Path
- Age-appropriate playgrounds/exercise areas
- Resource Center for parent/staff trainings



NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 FALL RECESS NJEA CONVENTION (Schools Closed)	10 FALL RECESS NJEA CONVENTION (Schools Closed)	11
12	13	14	15 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (Early Dismissal All Schools)	16 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (Early Dismissal All Schools)	17 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	18
19	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	24 THANKSGIVING WEEKEND (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Bright Beginnings Learning Center

1660 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • (732) 339-9331

For Students Ages 3 - 13

School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Ms. Kate Johnson, BCBA, *Principal* • Ms. Jenn Nesi, *Vice Principal*

The Bright Beginnings Learning Center offers two specialized programs: The program for Students with Autism/Preschool ages 3- 10, and program for Students with Multiple Disabilities/Preschool ages 3-13. Both programs are based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and each provides intensive and individualized instruction with a low student-to-staff ratio. The programs focus on the development of independent functional skills in language, academic, social and vocational areas.



Specialized program components for students with Autism include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data-Based Instruction • BCBAs on staff • Behavior Management Training including FBAs and FAs • Augmentative/Assistive Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AAC) Evaluation and Training • VB-MAPP, PEAK and Functional Skills Assessment • Integrated Instruction with Related Services • Computer Coding/Robotics Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographic Activity Schedules • Social Skills Training • Parent Training • Adaptive Physical Education • Functional Academic Skills |
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Specialized program components for students with Multiple Disabilities include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small and Large Group Instruction • Adaptive Equipment Assessment • Dysphagia Intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Monitoring • Seizure Management • Adaptive Physical Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation rooms • State-of-the-art technology in all classrooms • Spacious gym |
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The facility features:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cafeteria • OT/PT room • Adaptive Daily Living (ADL) room • Sensory room | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new redesigned age appropriate playgrounds • Resource Center • Outdoor garden/classroom |
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DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 WINTER RECESS (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	26 WINTER RECESS (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	27 WINTER RECESS (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	28 WINTER RECESS (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	29 WINTER RECESS (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	30



Center for Lifelong Learning

333 Cheesequake Road • Parlin, NJ 08859 • (732) 727-3736

For Students Ages 3 - 21

School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Ms. Mary Beth Conley, *Principal* • Mr. Michael Kane, *Vice Principal*

Ms. Antoinette Nicholasi, BCBA, *Vice Principal*

The Center for Lifelong Learning accommodates approximately 200 students and offers specialized classroom instruction based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for students with Autism and students with Multiple Disabilities, ages 3 - 21. Both programs involve parents in a collaborative partnership with school staff to provide a consistent approach to meeting students' educational and behavioral needs. Student disabilities range from moderate to severe and include the areas of autism, pervasive developmental disorders, and communication, physical, orthopedic and cognitive impairments.

Specialized program components include:

- Low Student to Staff Ratio
- Multiple BCBA's on Staff
- Behavior Management Intervention
- Direct Instruction Academic Programs
- Functional Academic Skills
- Discrete Trial Teaching
- Total Communication
- AAC Evaluation and Training
- Collaboration with Related Services
- Speech, Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Counseling
- Dysphagia Intervention
- Consumer Skills
- Community-Based Instruction
- Job Sampling
- Structured Learning Experiences
- Medical Monitoring
- Seizure Management
- Weekly Swim Program

The facility features:

- Sensory room
- OT/PT rooms
- Speech Therapy rooms
- 24 classrooms
- Media Center
- Daily Living Room, including two full kitchens, washers and dryers
- Spacious gym
- Technology in every classroom (e.g. Smart TVs, tablets)
- A Pre-vocational skills classroom
- Greenhouse with horticulture opportunities



The newly-expanded 19,000 sq. ft. ESCNJ Aquatics and Fitness Center located in the back of the school building features all new state-of-the-art fitness strength training and cardiovascular equipment, fitness classes, lap pool, and whirlpool.

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 WINTER RECESS (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	16	17	18	19 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	20
21	22	23	24	25 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed for Participants)	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Future Foundations Academy

1690 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • (732) 978-1555

For Students Ages 8 - 21

School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Ms. Katie Feiles, Ed.S., BCBA, *Principal* • Ms. Lisa Williams, *Vice Principal*

Future Foundations Academy (FFA) is home to a new, environmentally-friendly, 55,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility. FFA offers academic, functional, and independence-driven instruction based upon the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), including Verbal Behavior techniques. With a faculty led by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and comprised of BCBA candidates, Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) and state-certified Structured Learning Experience (SLE) staff, FFA focuses on secondary-level students with higher cognitive skills. Students receive intensive, individualized coursework with a minimum of a 2:1 student-to-staff ratio. FFA is committed to academic skill-building and behavior management strategies for students through small group instruction and related services based on each student’s IEP. Along with core academic and curriculum offerings, students participate in robotics, computer coding, hands-on culinary and horticultural experiences, vocational training, and physical fitness instruction.

A key component of the FFA program is Community-Based Instruction (CBI), a research-based, instructional method that provides students with the life skills necessary to participate in daily living to the fullest extent possible. In addition to vocational training and job sampling, students learn such functional skills as resume writing and interviewing skills, along with meal preparation, independent living, and safe use of equipment.

Future Foundations Academy is committed to a collaborative partnership with parents to help students learn independent living skills and lead successful lives.

Specialized program components include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Academic Skills • Applied Behavior Analysis Principles • Visual and Performing Arts Instruction • Behavior Management Planning • Consumer Skills • Career Awareness and Training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data-Based Instruction • Community-Based Instruction, including job sampling • Comprehensive Vocational Education including in-school job assignments and internships | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Planning • Indoor and outdoor recreational activities • Technology learning resources in all instructional areas • Speech/Language/Physical Therapy |
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FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY (Schools/ACS Program Closed)	20	21	22 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed for Participants)	23 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	24
25	26	27	28	29		



NuView Academy

1 Park Avenue • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • (732) 878-0070

For Students Ages 5 - 21

School Hours: 8:30 am to 2:15 pm

Mr. Russell Hudson, M.Ed., *Principal*

Dr. Ramandeep Kaur, *Psychiatrist, Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care*

The NuView Academy is a therapeutic school for students ages 5 - 21 with behavior challenges. NuView Academy offers a supportive school environment for students exhibiting severe symptoms or diagnosis of Depression, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), as well as Conduct, Thought, and Anxiety Disorders.

NuView Academy programming includes full-day educational services and onsite therapeutic services for students and their families. Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care administers the clinical services at NuView, including a full-time psychiatrist. Clinical Services provide students with the support needed to address behaviors so they may succeed academically.

Academic program/curricula are delivered through the hybrid learning methodology, a blend of digital learning and face-to-face instruction, resulting in a more personalized academic experience. NuView Academy's clinical and academic faculty/staff work collaboratively in order to maximize student learning potential and foster emotional wellbeing.



Primary/Elementary Community (Grades K - 4)

Language Arts Literacy (Including English Grammar, Spelling, Handwriting, Reading), Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education, Visual Arts, Technology, Social Skills and Group Counseling. Opportunities for remediation are available in the Core Content areas based on student needs and their IEP.

Language Arts Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health &

Middle/High School Community (Grades 5 - 12)

Physical Education, World Language (Spanish), Career Education, Visual Arts, Technology, Robotics/Computer Coding, Social Skills and Group Counseling. Opportunities for remediation are available in the Core Content areas based on student needs and their IEP. Community-Based Instruction, which includes life skills training and working for community employers, is also offered.

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed to Participants)	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools)	22 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 SPRING RECESS-GOOD FRIDAY (All Schools/ACS Program Closed)	30



Piscataway Regional Day School

1670 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • (732) 985-8752

For Students Ages 3 - 21

School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Ms. Elizabeth Fuzy, BCaBA, *Principal*

The Piscataway Regional Day School offers specialized programs for students ages 3 - 21. The program for students with multiple disabilities focuses on the development of independent functional skills in language, academic, social and vocational areas. The program has operated since 1984 and is staffed by experienced teachers, therapists and classroom aides. Student disabilities range from moderate to severe and include the areas of cognitive, neurological, medical and orthopedic disabilities.

Specialized program components include:

- Functional Academic Skills
- Applied Behavior Analysis Principles
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst on Staff
- Data Based Instruction
- Adapted Physical Education
- Visual and Performing Arts Instruction
- Full Time Nurses on Staff
- Dysphagia intervention
- Medical Monitoring
- Seizure Management
- Integrated Instruction with Related Services
- Adaptive Equipment Assessment
- Community-Based Instruction
- Career Awareness and Training
- Transition Planning
- Consumer, Social Skills and Family Support Training
- Parent-Professional Association

Pre-K program for children with multiple disabilities:

The Preschool Multiple Disabilities Program for children ages 3 - 5 with moderate to severe multiple disabilities provides all necessary services until they graduate. All faculty are appropriately certified, with a focus on maximizing each student's level of independent functioning with educational and related services based on each IEP.



The facility features:

- Single-story, fully accessibility
- Classroom clusters to facilitate educational communities
- Classrooms equipped with student-centered technology
- Media centers with interactive technology for student use
- Student-operated full-service café
- Dedicated Occupational/Physical Therapy Room
- Gymnasium
- Cafeteria
- Vocational Education Room
- Spacious outdoor recreation/exercise areas
- Resource Center for in-service and parent training
- Independent Living Skills Program for students 18 to 21

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SPRING RECESS (All Schools Closed)	2 SPRING RECESS (All Schools Closed)	3 SPRING RECESS (All Schools Closed)	4 SPRING RECESS (All Schools Closed)	5 SPRING RECESS (All Schools Closed)	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed for Participants)	16	17	18 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools)	19	20
21	22	23	24 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (Early Dismissal All Schools)	25 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (Early Dismissal All Schools)	26 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	27
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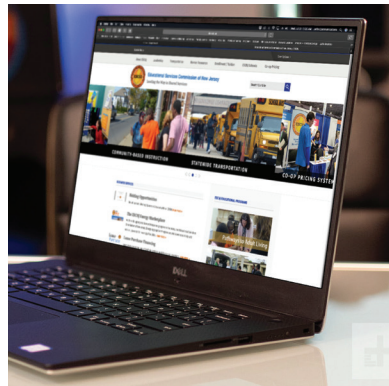


Co-op Pricing System

1660 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • **(732) 777-9848, Ext. 3120**
Mr. Anthony La Marco, *Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

Membership in ESCNJ's Co-op Pricing System helps public officials save taxpayers money by identifying the lowest price on equipment and services ranging from office furniture, security equipment and custodial supplies, to vehicles, natural gas and electricity.

With more than 1,475 New Jersey members representing all 21 counties, the Co-op Pricing System is the largest state approved cooperative. Members include representatives from school districts, colleges, universities, municipalities, county government, housing authorities, including Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia that benefit from the Co-op Pricing System.



Lease Purchase Financing

1660 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • **(732) 777-9848, Ext. 3120**
Mr. Anthony La Marco, *Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

The ESCNJ offers tax-exempt lease purchase financing to qualified Co-op Pricing System Members - a true cost savings alternative to high-interest, vendor-offered financing rates.

Lease purchasing provides the capital to members to maintain and replenish equipment with a minimal year-to-year tax impact. In addition, with assistance from the ESCNJ, the planning and design of bid specification meets members' fiscal needs and is attractive to potential bidders, saving thousands of dollars in interest and fees.

Coordinated Transportation Services

1690 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • **(732) 777-9848, Ext. 3350**
Ms. Christine Zarate, *Coordinator*

ESCNJ provides coordinated transportation for special, public, nonpublic and vocational-technical educational programs. With approximately 2,000 transportation routes, serving 10,000 students, the Commission is a reliable service provider with compassion for student needs, as well as a commitment to safety, reliability and punctuality.



Turning Point Academy

99 Apple Orchard Lane • No. Brunswick, NJ 08902 • **(732) 398-4405**
Ms. Phyllis Lewis, *Principal*

The Turning Point Academy serves middle and high school-aged youths residing within The Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center. Overseen by the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners, ESCNJ supervises the program that offers comprehensive academic and behavior management services.

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed for Participants)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 HALF DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Early Dismissal All Schools)	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY (All Schools/ACS Program Closed)	28	29	30	31	



Department Of Nonpublic Services

1690 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854

Ms. Sharon Marinello, *Director* • (732) 777-9848, Ext. 3220

Mr. Adam Reap, *Supervisor* • (732) 777-9848, Ext. 6570

The Department of Nonpublic Services operates according to Public Law 192-193 and offers specific auxiliary and remedial services to eligible New Jersey students attending non-public schools.

Chapter 192 Services

Compensatory Education
English-as-a-Second Language
Home Instruction

Chapter 193 Services

Child Study Team Assessment
Supplementary Instruction
Speech Correction

Additionally, the County Diagnostic Educational Commission offers a multidisciplinary team of professionals to help school districts and Charter Schools develop programs that address students' individual needs with the following services:

- Child Study Team, LDT/C, Social Workers, School Psychologists, Psychiatric, Neurological, Speech and Language Services
- Occupational and Physical Therapy Evaluation, and Augmentative Evaluations

Charter School Services

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Ms. Sharon Marinello, *Director, Department of Nonpublic Services*

ESCNJ provides the same scope and level of quality services to charter schools as it does for public and non-public schools. Services range from coordination of special education programs and staffing, to help with transportation needs, technical assistance with state monitoring, and professional development for faculty/staff.

Professional Conference Center at ESCNJ

1690 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • (732) 777-9848, Ext. 6260

Ms. Erynn Dakin, *Conference Center Coordinator*

The Professional Conference Center is a newly-designed, state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Middlesex County. The 4,484 sq. ft. meeting space, with a 500 sq. ft. lobby, can be separated by an airwall into two medium-size breakout rooms. Within the meeting space are two large LED screens, and modern podiums with built-in sound systems. The conference center hosts an array of ESCNJ events throughout the year. The facility is ideal for meetings, retreats and special events for both community and corporate use, with ample on-site parking.



Itinerant Services For Deaf & Hard Of Hearing

1660 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • (732) 777-9848, Ext. 3125

Ms. Jill Vogel, *Coordinator*

Program leaders collaborate with resident school districts, families, and state agencies to create positive learning communities that enable children who are deaf or hard of hearing to realize their full educational potential. ESCNJ provides a variety of support through the use of certified Teachers of the Deaf, Speech/Language Pathologists and Learning Consultants with experience in the unique communication needs of students with hearing loss.

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 ESCNJ BOARD MEETING - 9:00 a.m. (Professional Conference Center, Piscataway Campus)	8
9	10	11	12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-ACS ONLY (Program Closed to Participants)	13	14	15
16	17 TENTATIVE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29



Pathways To Adult Living

95 Main Street • Sayreville, NJ 08872 • **(732) 399-9250**

Ms. Denise Geddis, *Supervisor of PAL/Community-based Instruction*

The Pathways to Adult Living Program (PAL) is a comprehensive transition program designed for students who have completed their high school academic requirements but need additional support to prepare for independent living. The program emphasizes Community-Based Instruction and vocational training to help students build the skills necessary for adulthood.

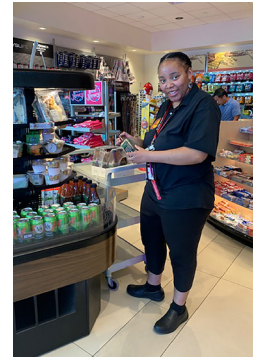
- Community-Based Instructional experiences: Students participate in real-life experiences that help them develop essential life skills, such as shopping, banking, and using public services.
- Vocational training: With over 20 paid and unpaid sampling sites, students have the opportunity to explore different job skills and work environments. This hands-on experience enables them to develop job skills and identify potential employment paths.
- Travel training: A significant aspect of the PAL program involves teaching students to use NJ Transit public transportation independently. The program also offers individual travel training through its partnership with Rutgers' New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP).
- Financial literacy: PAL incorporates financial education into its curriculum, teaching students essential skills such as budgeting, banking, and managing personal finances.
- Culinary skills: The program includes instruction in meal planning, food shopping, and cooking to help maintain a healthy and independent lifestyle.
- Planning for adult life: PAL helps students set and achieve personal goals, develop self-advocacy skills, and make informed decisions about their futures.
- Recreational and leisure opportunities: To promote socialization and well-rounded personal development.

Adult Community Services

1690 Stelton Road • Piscataway, NJ 08854 • **(732) 777-9848, Ext. 6100**

Ms. Lisa Buckwalter, *Executive Director*

The ESCNJ Adult Community Services is a program that offers individuals 21 and over an opportunity to strive for independence by helping to develop their social, emotional and life skills. To explore individuals' interests, the program offers opportunities to participate in community inclusion and pre-vocational learning experiences. Providing a hands-on experience that can be transferred to real-world opportunities is a cornerstone of the program to bridge the gap between school and adulthood.



ESCNJ Aquatics and Fitness Center

333 Cheesequake Road • Parlin, NJ 08859 • **732-317-0333**

Mr. Jeffrey Stair, *Site Director*

The Aquatics and Fitness Center is a newly-designed, newly expanded, 19,000 sq. ft. with the latest in strength and cardio equipment.

The centerpiece of the gym floor is a massive base station with multiple training modules, a large selection of free weights, stretching area, TRX and two new locker rooms. The second level showcases four fitness studios, treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes.



The membership will include yoga, spin classes, *Les Mills* Pro Classes, access to the Olympic size pool and personal training-everything needed to meet or exceed your health and wellness goals.

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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