

## **Adoptions Section**

### **Education**

#### **State Board of Education**

#### **Notice of Readoption**

#### **Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf**

#### **Readoption: N.J.A.C. 6A:21**

Authorized By: New Jersey State Board of Education, Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner, Department of Education, and Acting Secretary, New Jersey State Board of Education.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 18A:61-2.d.

Effective Date: June 6, 2024.

New Expiration Date: June 6, 2031.

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:21 were scheduled to expire on November 1, 2024. The Department of Education (Department) proposes to readopt the rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:21 without change. The Department has reviewed the rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. N.J.A.C. 6A:21 sets forth the rules regarding the eligibility, admission, and graduation of students at the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf (Katzenbach School). N.J.A.C. 6A:21 also provides for an appeals process for students who are refused admission into the Katzenbach School.

The Department has reviewed these regulations and determined that, while they are still necessary, reasonable, and proper, making changes now is not required or urgent. The Department will propose amendments in the future, if and when it is determined that amendments are necessary.

A summary of the readopted rules follows:

### **Subchapter 1. General Provisions**

This subchapter establishes the chapter's purpose and scope, which is to provide the rules regarding eligibility, admissions, and graduation of students at the Katzenbach School, and defines the terms used throughout this chapter.

### **Subchapter 2. Admissions, Tuitions, and Graduation Procedures**

This subchapter states that a student aged three through 21 shall be eligible to attend the Katzenbach School if the student meets the criteria, including classification as auditorily impaired, preschool-disabled, or multiply disabled with an auditory deficit. This subchapter also sets forth the tuition for students, indicating that education at the Katzenbach School shall be provided at no expense to auditorily impaired students or their parents or guardians under the specified conditions.

This subchapter further sets forth the graduation requirements, indicating that enrolled students who complete the high school program at the Katzenbach School and have satisfied the State high school graduation requirements are eligible for a State-endorse high school diploma. The subchapter also states that the student will have the option of receiving a diploma from the Katzenbach School or the sending district board of education and that all student records shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-7.9.

### **Subchapter 3. Sending District Board of Education Requirements**

This subchapter sets forth the process that the sending district board of education must follow when submitting a completed application form for a student's admission to the Katzenbach School. The completed application must include information regarding the student and school district, as well as copies of the student's individualized education program (IEP) and other supporting documentation as determined and requested by the Katzenbach School.

This subchapter also requires the superintendent of the Katzenbach School to notify the parent/guardian and sending district board of education of the decision of whether to accept the student within 30 calendar days of receiving the application.

#### **Subchapter 4. Appeals**

This subchapter indicates that, when a student is denied admission to the Katzenbach School, the student or their parent or guardian may initiate a due process hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.7. All appeals regarding the chapter's rules must be made in writing to the Commissioner of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.2 to 1.17.

Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted without amendment and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.