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New Jersey Tseem Tshaj Tawm Ib Lub Chav Nyob Dormitory Nws Tau Kaw Lawm

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Nyiaj siv hauv xeev New Jersey qhia tias qhov kev kawm nyob hauv tsev kawm Katzenbach School tau xaus lawm nyob rau xyoo nyiaj txiag 2026. Cov vev xaib ntawm xeev rau tsev neeg tseem muaj qhov kev pab cuam no.

Cov Ntsiab Lus

1. Ob daim ntawv, ib lub tsev kawm ntawv
2. Dab tsi qhov nyiaj txiag qhia
3. Vim li cas nplooj ntawv no tseem ceeb
4. Dab tsi cov ntaub ntawv hais tau thiab hais tsis tau
5. Yam uas kaw qhov qhiab
6. Qhov chaw los

The Governor's budget says the Katzenbach School for the Deaf stopped housing students in fiscal 2026. The Department of Education's pages for families still offer the program.

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- New Jersey's FY2027 Governor's Budget records that the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf's residential program "has been eliminated" as of fiscal 2026.
- On October 13, 2026, the Department's statewide program list still told families that "A residential program (Monday-Thursday) is available for high school students," and the school's high school page still offered a "Day or Residential Program."
- The 2019 Deaf Student's Bill of Rights requires districts to tell parents about every placement option, naming the Katzenbach School. The state's public description of that option is out of date on the one point a family deciding on a residential placement needs most.
- Enrollment at the state's only school for the deaf is budgeted to fall from 94 in FY2025 to 79 in FY2027, with no residential pupils in either of the last two years.

New Jersey has one state school for the deaf, and its own government describes it two ways. The Governor's budget for fiscal 2027 says the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf in West Trenton no longer runs a residential program. The Department of Education, which operates the school, still tells families on its program list and on the school's own pages that the residential program is open to high school students. Both documents were live on October 12, 2026. They cannot both be current.

Ob daim ntawv, ib lub tsev kawm ntawv

The National Deaf Education Data Index read every public school unit in New Jersey for its state file, version 2.0: 696 units, from the largest districts to sixteen that operate no school at all. The Katzenbach School sits at the center of that file. Founded in 1883, it is a state agency of the Department of Education with its own rule chapter, N.J.A.C. 6A:21, and it is the one school the 2019 Deaf Student's Bill of Rights names.

The FY2027 Governor's Budget prints the school's evaluation data on page D-117 of the Department of Education detail. Note (a) on that page reads:

> As of fiscal 2026, the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf's residential program has been eliminated.
>
> State of New Jersey, Fiscal Year 2027 Governor's Budget, Department of Education, nplooj ntawv D-117, note (a)

The Department's statewide page of programs for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, read again for this piece on October 12, 2026, says:

> Muaj ib qhov kev pab cuam pub chaw nyob (Hnub Monday-Thursday) rau cov tub ntxhais kawm theem high school.
>
> New Jersey Department of Education, Programs, Services, Consultants and Evaluators for Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, nqa los thaum lub Kaum Hli 12, 2026

The same list adds that "An important component of the Residential Program is the Educational Resource Center," which provides tutoring and guided study time. The school's high school page, also read on October 12, describes education "through our Day or Residential Program, which fosters independence," and tells families that day students can join after-school activities "through the provision of a late bus or a residential placement."

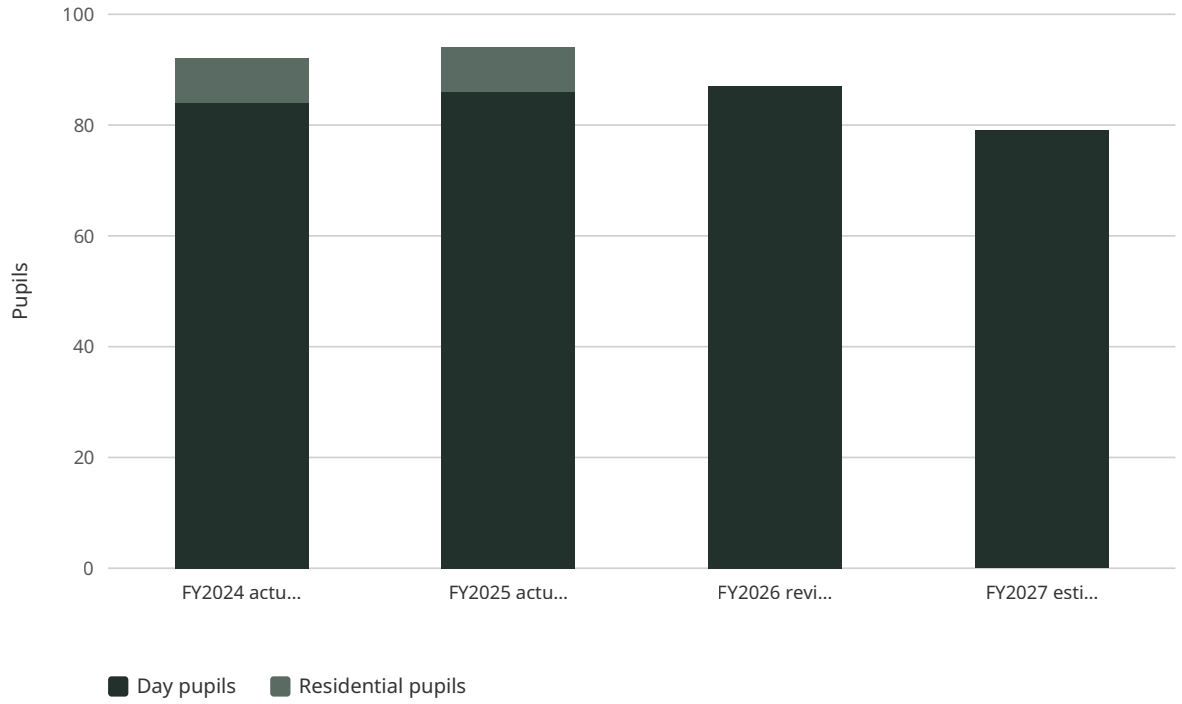
Dab tsi txhua daim ntawv pej xeem hais txog Katzenbach kev pub chaw nyob

Ntaub Ntawv	Tshaj tawm los ntawm	Nws hais li cas
FY2027 Governor's Budget, page D-117, note (a)	Chaw Haujlwm Saib Xyuas Kev Tswj thiab Nyiaj Txiag	Kev pab cuam pub chaw nyob tau raug rho tawm raws li lub xyoo nyiaj txiag 2026
Daim npe kev pab cuam thoob xeev rau cov tub ntxhais kawm uas yog Deaf thiab hnov tsis zoo	Tus Chaw Haujlwm Saib Xyuas Kev Kawm Ntawv, Chaw Haujlwm Saib Xyuas Kev Kawm Ntawv Tshwj Xeeb	Kev pab cuam pub chaw nyob (Hnub Monday-Thursday) muaj rau cov tub ntxhais kawm theem high school
Katzenbach High School Nplooj Ntawv	Tus Chaw Haujlwm Saib Xyuas Kev Kawm Ntawv, rau lub tsev kawm ntawv	Kev kawm muab los ntawm Kev Kawm Hnub lossis Kev Pab Cuam Pub Chaw Nyob
Katzenbach Lub Neej Hauv Tsev Kawm Ntawv Nplooj Ntawv	Tus Chaw Haujlwm Saib Xyuas Kev Kawm Ntawv, rau lub tsev kawm ntawv	Kev Pab Cuam Ntxiv Hnub, Hnub Monday txog Thursday, 3:00 txog 5:30 teev tsaus ntuj; tsis muaj kev piav txog lub neej pub chaw nyob

Qhov chaw: Cov nplooj ntawv raws li tau nqa thaum Lub Kaum Hli 12, 2026; cov ntsiab lus nyiaj txiag raws li tswj cia hauv NDEDI lub xeev ntaub ntawv 30, version 2.0

Dab tsi qhov nyiaj txiag qhia

The budget's own figures are consistent with its note. The school had eight residential pupils in each of the two years before the change and none in the two years after it. Total enrollment is also falling.



Cov tub ntxhais kawm pub chaw nyob poob los ntawm 8 mus rau 0 nruab nrab FY2025 thiab FY2026; tag nrho kev kawm ntawv poob los ntawm 94 mus rau 79 raws li FY2027 kev kwv yees.

Qhov chaw: FY2027 Tsoomfwv Kavxoom Tswjhwm Qhov Nyiaj Txiag, Tus Chaw Haujlwm Saib Xyuas Kev Kawm Ntawv cov ntsiab lus, nplooj ntawv D-117

Saib Cov Ntaub Ntawv

Xyoo Nyiaj Txiag	Cov Tub Ntxhais Kawm Hnub	Cov Tub Ntxhais Kawm Pub Chaw Nyob
FY2024 tiag tiag	84	8
FY2025 tiag tiag	86	8
FY2026 hloov kho	87	0
FY2027 kwv yees	79	0

Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, tus naj npawb kawm ntawv raws fiscal year

Xyoo Nyiaj Txiag	Cov nkag kawm	Cov Tub Ntxhais Kawm Hnub	Cov Tub Ntxhais Kawm Pub Chaw Nyob
FY2024 (tseeb tiag)	92	84	8
FY2025 (tseeb tiag)	94	86	8
FY2026 (hloov tshiab)	87	87	0
FY2027 (kwv yees)	79	79	0

Qhov chaw: State of New Jersey, Fiscal Year 2027 Governor's Budget, Department of Education budget detail, nplooj ntawv D-117, raws li muaj nyob hauv NDEDI state file 30, version 2.0

For FY2025, the last year with residential pupils, the budget reports a gross cost of $162,809 per pupil, direct State support of $68,064 per pupil, payments from sending school boards of $60,215 for each day pupil and $76,694 for each residential pupil, four graduates and 105 filled positions. The school's Direct State Services appropriation was $6,935,000 in the FY2025 Appropriations Act and the same amount in the FY2026 and FY2027 Acts. The budget detail does not say what became of the residential program's space, staff or funding, and the Index found no public notice of the change on the Department pages it read.

Vim li cas nplooj ntawv no tseem ceeb

A program list is not a brochure in New Jersey. In 2019 the Legislature enacted the New Jersey Deaf Student's Bill of Rights, P.L.2019, c.204. Its operative section, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2.8, directs school districts to inform parents of all placement considerations, "including the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf," and of the

options available. The Department's program list is where a district, a parent or an advocate goes to learn what those options are.

That makes the residential line more than a stale sentence. A family in Cape May or Sussex County weighing the state school against a local program is weighing, among other things, whether a teenager can live on campus four nights a week. The Department's pages say yes. The Governor's budget says no. A family that relies on the pages could plan around a service that, on the budget's account, ended more than a year ago. A family that hears the budget's version has no public statement from the Department about what replaced it.

NEW JERSEY, 2024-25: LEEJ TWG TSO SIAB RAU DEPARTMENT DAIM NTAWV QHIA KEV

1,311
Cov menyuam hnub nyoog 5 txog 21 raug suav tias muaj Auditory Impairment

19
Cov menyuam uas yog Deaf thiab dig muag ib si

22 ntawm 696
Cov chaw tsev kawm ntawv pej xeem uas tshaj tawm ib qho kev pab cuam qhia menyuam Deaf lossis cov neeg ua haujlwm raug tis npe

583
Cov chaw uas tsis tshaj tawm dab tsi txog qhov teeb meem no

Qhov chaw: NDEDI state file 30, version 2.0; IDEA Section 618 count, xyoo kawm ntawv 2024-25

The population this touches is small at the school and large around it. In the 2024-25 school year the state counted 1,311 students aged five to twenty-one with an Auditory Impairment classification and 19 who are deafblind. The Katzenbach School has no row of its own in that count, because every pupil it serves is counted in the district that sends them. The Index found that 22 of the 696 units it read publish a deaf

education program or named staff, and 583 publish nothing on the subject. For most families, the Department's statewide list is the only map of the options the statute promises them.

Dab tsi cov ntaub ntawv hais tau thiab hais tsis tau

The Index records the conflict and does not resolve it. Two readings fit the public record. The budget note may be correct and the Department's pages simply not updated. Or the residential program may continue in some changed form that the budget describes as eliminated. The school's campus page describes an Extended Day Program that runs Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. That is the same Monday-to-Thursday week the residential program was listed for, but the page does not say that one replaced the other, and the Index does not infer it.

The same 2019 legislation carries a second open item. P.L.2019, c.205, codified at N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2.10 to 2.14, created the Working Group on Deaf Education and directs the Department and the Department of Health's Early Intervention Program to "annually collect and publicly report data on the language acquisition and developmental progress of children from birth to age five who are deaf or hard of hearing." The Department publishes a Language Acquisition Rating Scale and end-of-year rating reports for preschool children. The Index found no annual statewide report under that section on the pages it read.

Both items went to the Department, to the Katzenbach School and to the state's Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the notice for the New Jersey file, sent October 9, 2026. The correction window closes on October 26, 2026. A dated statement from the Department on the residential program, or a citation to the annual report, would change the finding in the next version.

Yam uas kaw qhov qhiab

The fix here is smaller than in most states the Index has read. New Jersey does not need a new law or a new program to resolve it. It needs one sentence on the Department's program list and on the school's high school page saying whether residential placement is available, and from what date, and one line in the next budget detail saying what the residential appropriation now pays for. If the Extended Day Program is the successor, the Department can say so in those same places.

The 2019 Bill of Rights put the Katzenbach School into every district's conversation with every family of a deaf child. That promise only works if what districts and families can read about the school is true on the day they read it. On October 12, 2026, on the residential program, the state's budget and its program pages disagreed, and the Department had not said which one was right. NDEDI's state release schedule is at ndedi.org.

Qhov chaw los

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