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ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**June 2025**



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**Schools and district closed  
Friday, June 20**



# 2025 World of Summer Programs Registration

Registration  
closes June 20

# A World of Summer Programs 2025







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*Every Child, Achieving Excellence*

# iPrep Academy School No. 8 Lottery Registration

## Registration closes June 21







# 8th Grade Promotion Ceremonies

June 23, 24





# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 23 – 9:00 am

School
George Washington Academy School No. 1
Benjamin Franklin School No. 13
Abraham Lincoln School No. 14
Madison – Monroe School No. 16
Robert Morris School No. 18
John Marshall School No. 20
Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No.27
Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29
Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30

All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are required to attend school through Tuesday, June 24, 2025. Diplomas will be issued on the last day.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 23 – 9:00 am REVISED

School
Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3
Joseph Battin School No. 4
Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6
Terence C. Reilly School No. 7
iPrep Academy School No. 8
Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23
Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 24 – 9:00 am

School
Winfield Scott School No. 2
Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5
Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9
Elmora School No. 12
Christopher Columbus School No. 15
Victor Mravlag School No. 21
William F. Halloran School No. 22
Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28

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# High School Graduation/ Class Award Ceremonies

June 24-June 25



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## Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center

High School	Date	Time	Arrival
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	June 24	8:30am	7:30am
John E. Dwyer Technology Academy	June 24	11:30am	10:30am
Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, Mary Jackson STEM Academy	June 24	2:30pm	1:30pm
Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy	June 24	5:30pm	4:30pm
Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy	June 25	8:30am	7:30am
Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy	June 25	11:30am	10:30am
Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy	June 25	2:30pm	1:30pm
J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy	June 25	5:30pm	4:30pm



**News From Central**

Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ



# EPS AND CITY OF ELIZABETH SET GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® RECORD FOR LARGEST HUMAN IMAGE OF A SUBMARINE AT SCHOOL NO. 28



On June 4, Elizabeth Public Schools and the City of Elizabeth, NJ set a Guinness World Records® record for the Largest Human Image of a Submarine. An official judge from Guinness World Records® was on hand to verify the record and confirmed that 800 students of Juan Pablo Duarte- José Julián Martí School No. 28 set a new world record on the school's turf field. The students came together with support from members of the Elizabeth Public Schools learning community, the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, The Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization, members of the Elizabeth Board of Education, and City of Elizabeth dignitaries. Other prominent members in attendance included USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee officials Pete Engelman and Tim Doelger.





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**LARGEST HUMAN IMAGE OF A SUBMARINE - ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY - JUNE 4, 2025**





# EPS NAMED 2025 BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION BY NAMM FOUNDATION



Elizabeth Public Schools was among 935 districts across 44 states to be honored with the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The BCME designation recognizes and celebrates outstanding efforts by school districts that have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Districts that have been selected as a BCME by the NAMM Foundation, now in its 26th year, are often held up as models for other educators looking to boost their own music education programs. The Elizabeth Public Schools music community has now received the BCME distinction for the sixth year in a row and the ninth time overall.



## TWO EPS SCHOOLS NAMED 2025 NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER BY CHARACTER.ORG



William F. Halloran School No. 22 and Juan Pablo Duarte - José Julián Martí School No. 28 were among 71 schools throughout the United States to be recognized as a 2025 National School of Character by Character.org.

Each year, Character.org and its state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development, which has a true positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate.

Since its inception, the National Schools of Character program has impacted over three million students, staff, parents, and community members. The schools and districts that apply must meet the rigorous standards articulated in Character.org's 11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character. Each school is assessed by a team of trained evaluators.

Elizabeth Public Schools is home to twelve district schools that have been designated as state schools of character, nine of which received national school of character honors as well. School No. 22 has become the sixth district school to have received National School of Character honors twice and School No. 28 has become the first district school to have received the distinction a third time.

## SCHOOL NO. 52'S "SHARING IS CARING" PROGRAM NAMED A PROMISING PRACTICE BY CHARACTER.ORG



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center School No. 52's "Sharing is Caring" program was among 230 Promising Practices in schools and organizations certified by Character.org for 2025.

Character.org, founded in 1993 and formerly known as the Character Education Partnership, is a worldwide network of educators, researchers, and civic leaders that empowers people of all ages to practice and model the character strengths and core values that shape the hearts, minds, and choices of every person.

This year, Character.org received applications that focused on a wide range of practices which included peer mentoring, providing service-learning opportunities for students that connect to what they are learning in the classroom, empowering student voice and leadership, encouraging students to the "do the right thing" for intrinsic rather than extrinsic reasons, and programs that create a caring school community where everyone feels they belong. Many of the Promising Practices also involve parents and the local community.

School No. 52 was among 35 New Jersey schools to be recognized by Character.org as a school with a promising practice.

## EPS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH IN CITY GOVERNMENT DAY



Students from Elizabeth Public Schools participated in Youth In City Government Day, an event sponsored by the Elizabeth City Council and Elizabeth Board of Education that offers a glimpse into the day-to-day operations of the municipal government and school district and the services they provide to the Elizabeth community. The students began their day at the City Council Chamber of Elizabeth City Hall where they became honorary city officials during a morning conference. The morning also included visiting the James P. Mitchell Building, the central offices of the Elizabeth Board of Education, going on a city tour, and learning about the history of Elizabeth. The young officials were given the opportunity to learn job responsibilities from their city and educational mentors.



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In the afternoon, the students attended a luncheon at Dolce where the speakers included City of Elizabeth 4th Ward Councilman Carlos Cedeño, City of Elizabeth Councilman-at-Large Manny Grova, Jr., Union County Board of County Commissioners Commissioner Sergio Granados, the Honorable Mayor of Elizabeth J. Christian Bollwage, and Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Olga Hugelmeyer. The day concluded with the students returning to City Council Chamber where they served as representatives for their assigned city officials in a City Council Meeting. All participating students were presented with a Certificate of Merit.



## EHS – FJC SENIOR AWARDED YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY CITY OF ELIZABETH MAYOR J. CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE



At the Youth in City Government luncheon, Mayor Bollwage presented the annual Youth of the Year Award to Emely Herrera, a senior at Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy. The Youth of the Year Award has been presented during each Youth and City Government Day to recognize a distinguished student for their community service and school leadership endeavors. Herrera is an AP Capstone scholar athlete and member of The National Honor Society at EHS – FJC. She has served as the Elizabeth Board of Education student representative from EHS – FJC for the 2024-2025 school year in addition to serving as president of the student government and captain of the Speech and Debate Team. She played varsity soccer in the fall and conducts bible study with children at her church. In March, Herrera was named a Union County Unsung Hero.

## EPS HONORS TOP 100 STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 AT THE 32nd ANNUAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS DINNER



The top 100 students from the graduating Class of 2025 and Governor's Educators of the Year from Elizabeth Public Schools' high schools were honored at the 32nd Annual Academic Excellence Awards Dinner at The Westwood in Garwood on May 22. Among those to speak at the event were New Jersey Senator Joseph Cryan, New Jersey Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, Union County Board of County Commissioners Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, City of Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth Board of Education President Stanley J. Neron, Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Olga Hugelmeyer, Mistress of Ceremonies Sandra Toll, and current Class of 2025 No. 1 overall ranked student Sebastian Sicua Villa from Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy.



## 24 EPS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVE DAVIS SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELIZABETH



Twenty-four Elizabeth Public Schools high school students were honored by the Rotary Club of Elizabeth at the annual Albert and Louise Davis Scholarship Award Luncheon as part of a two-day event on June 4 and June 5 at the Garden Restaurant in Union. The 24 honorees from the Class of 2025 were awarded \$49,000 in scholarships. Among those in attendance were City of Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Rotary Club of Elizabeth Representative Ken Richuso, Elizabeth Board of Education President Stanley J. Neron, EBOE Vice President Maria Z. Carvalho, EBOE Member Isaias J. Rivera, and EPS Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Jennifer Cedeño. Since 1986, the Albert and Louise Davis Scholarship Fund of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth has awarded a total of \$850,000 to 500 deserving students of Elizabeth's high schools.



# EPS HOSTS A “JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND CULTURES” AT THIRD ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FAIR



On June 4, the Bilingual & ESL Department proudly hosted the third annual Elizabeth Public Schools Multicultural Festival at the Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center. This dynamic celebration brought together the entire district learning community in a colorful showcase of global cultures and traditions. Every EPS school contributed to the immersive experience by transforming their spaces into lifelike cultural landscapes. School displays came alive with vibrant posters, intricate student artwork, and authentic decorations that reflected the rich heritage of countries from around the world. With over 600 attendees, the festival was a resounding success—a true celebration of togetherness while taking a “Journey Through Time and Cultures”.



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