

School Community Communications Accessibility Report

The Chester School District conducted a district-wide survey about school communications by inviting the parents of students attending Dickerson Elementary School, Bragg Intermediate School, and Black River Middle School to complete the online survey. The results, both summary and individual, are included in the provided documentation along with a copy of the survey.

Based on the findings from the survey, there is an array of languages spoken in the Chester School District, with the majority of the population speaking English. However, it is imperative that we continue to address the need to include accessibility to all families in our communications as it seems many are unaware of the language features that we already have available in our communication systems.

The School Community Profile Data based on the 2015 ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES, there are a total of 7,942 residents in Chester Township and 1,612 residents in Chester Borough, both of which are included in the Chester School District. The total number of residents is 9,554. The race demographics are as follows for the Chester Township and Chester Borough combined: 8,670 white; 43 Black or African American; 0 Native American or American Indian; 329 Asians which breaks down to 62 Asian Indian, 109 Chinese, 83 Filipino, 73 Korean, and 2 Other Asian; 0 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; 368 2 or more races; and 574 Hispanic or Latino, more specifically 204 Mexican, 86 Puerto Rican, 83 Cuban, and 201 Other Hispanic or Latino. Information obtained from the Chester School District survey shows that, out of the 151 responses, 141 families have English as the primary language used at home, 2 have Spanish as their primary language, and 1 has Telugu as their primary language. It is also made aware that 145 families have access to telephone communications and 148 have access to internet communications.

We have recommended that we promote the different means of communication that the Chester School District has at Back to School Night, as well as with an information blast to all parents before school begins again. This will allow us to address all the language barriers that may exist as we will be heavily promoting our use of translator functions in all of our communications.