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Dear Chief School Administrator,

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) appreciates your district's leadership in creating learning environments that support student well-being and focus through participation in the Phone-Free Schools Grant Program and adoption of a Bell-to-Bell Internet Enabled Device Policy. The table below provides each district's maximum award amount, which can be presented to the local board of education to complete a formal resolution accepting the funds.

As a reminder and in accordance with the signed Letter of Agreement (LOA) submitted to the NJDOE, funds can only be used for the allowable activities outlined in the LOA:

1. **Storage solutions** that enable secure, day-long restriction of student access to cell phones and other internet-enabled devices (e.g., locked pouches, centralized lockers, or check-in systems); and
2. **Staff training** on implementation of the district's Bell-to-Bell Internet-Enabled Device Policy.

To complete the award process, please submit a formal **board resolution** accepting no more than the award amount listed below by **February 27, 2026**:

The signed resolution must be uploaded to the secure NJ Homeroom portal designated for the [Phone-Free Schools Program](#). Funds will be released after NJDOE receives and verifies the board resolution.

Please note that the Phone-Free Schools Program period remains July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Districts may be reimbursed for allowable costs incurred within this timeframe in accordance with state and federal grant requirements.

If you have any questions regarding your award or submission process, please contact [PhoneFreeSchools@doe.nj.gov](mailto:PhoneFreeSchools@doe.nj.gov).

We appreciate your leadership in supporting New Jersey's students and thank you for your participation in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Ehling*

Kathy Ehling  
Assistant Commissioner  
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New Jersey Department of Education

**Phone Free Schools Grant**  
Initial Grantees and Award Amounts

County	District	Maximum Award Amount
Atlantic	Absecon Public Schools District	\$2,499.80
Atlantic	Egg Harbor Township School District	\$32,513.74
Atlantic	Pleasantville Public School District	\$15,220.18
Bergen	Alpine School District	\$1,000.00
Bergen	Englewood Public School District	\$12,910.48
Bergen	Ramsey School District	\$10,730.80
Bergen	Wallington Boro School District	\$5,015.22
Burlington	Florence Township School District	\$6,875.64
Burlington	Pemberton Township School District	\$14,991.50
Burlington	Springfield Township School District	\$1,000.00
Burlington	Willingboro Public School District	\$14,323.38
Camden	Black Horse Pike Regional School District	\$27,961.44
Camden	Gloucester City Public School District	\$10,823.52
Camden	KIPP: Cooper Norcross, A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation	\$10,820.00
Camden	Sterling Regional School District	\$6,872.32
Cape May	Ocean City School District	\$10,290.38
Cumberland	Cumberland Regional School District	\$9,950.00
Cumberland	Deerfield Township School District	\$1,000.00
Essex	East Orange School District	\$36,651.12
Essex	Essex Regional Educational Services Commission	\$1,000.00
Essex	Irvington Public School District	\$27,928.40
Essex	Newark Public School District	\$176,625.08
Essex	Orange Public Schools	\$23,469.10
Essex	South Orange-Maplewood School District	\$28,257.02
Gloucester	Clayton Public School District	\$5,984.92
Gloucester	Glassboro School District	\$7,971.32
Gloucester	Logan Township School District	\$2,074.34
Gloucester	Paulsboro School District	\$5,342.60
Hudson	Guttenberg School District	\$2,723.42
Hudson	Harrison Public Schools	\$10,633.30
Hudson	Union City School District	\$52,451.18
Hudson	Weehawken Public School District	\$5,630.00
Hunterdon	Bethlehem Township School District	\$1,000.00
Hunterdon	Bloomsbury Borough School District	\$1,000.00
Hunterdon	Frenchtown Borough School District	\$1,000.00
Mercer	Trenton Public School District	\$55,573.44
Middlesex	Carteret Public School District	\$17,028.14
Middlesex	South Amboy School District	\$5,286.72
Monmouth	Asbury Park School District	\$5,156.96
Monmouth	Belmar Elementary School District	\$1,000.00

Morris	Chester Township School District	\$2,696.84
Morris	Hanover Park Regional High School District	\$10,046.46
Morris	Hanover Township School District	\$3,280.00
Morris	Kinnelon School District	\$6,988.18
Morris	Mendham Borough School District	\$1,282.54
Ocean	Central Regional School District	\$17,208.26
Ocean	Pinelands Regional School District	\$12,624.88
Ocean	Tuckerton Borough School District	\$1,000.00
Passaic	Hawthorne Public School District	\$8,753.46
Passaic	Lakeland Regional High School District	\$6,691.98
Passaic	West Milford Township Public School District	\$13,094.62
Salem	Alloway Township School District	\$1,000.00
Salem	Mannington Township School District	\$1,000.00
Salem	The Lower Alloways Creek School District	\$1,000.00
Salem	Penns Grove-Carney's Point Regional School District	\$9,271.32
Salem	Salem City School District	\$5,570.72
Salem	Upper Pittsgrove Township School District	\$1,000.00
Salem	Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District	\$6,892.62
Somerset	Warren Township School District	\$4,384.98
Sussex	Andover Regional School District	\$1,203.88
Sussex	Frankford Township Consolidated School District	\$1,246.92
Sussex	Hampton Township School District	\$1,000.00
Sussex	Kittatinny Regional School District	\$5,686.00
Sussex	Lenape Valley Regional High School District	\$5,520.22
Sussex	Montague Township School District	\$1,000.00
Sussex	Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School District	\$1,000.00
Union	Hillside Public School District	\$12,359.60
Union	Plainfield Public School District	\$34,337.56
Union	Roselle Public School District	\$13,937.70
Union	Township of Union School District	\$33,747.70
Warren	Belvidere School District	\$3,176.64
Charter	Bergen Arts and Science Charter School	\$5,489.02
Charter	Empowerment Academy Charter School	\$5,769.46
Charter	Gateway Academy Charter School	\$4,367.16
Charter	Golden Door Charter School	\$1,426.32
Charter	Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	\$9,022.78
Charter	Hoboken Charter School	\$1,322.16
Charter	Hudson Arts and Science Charter School	\$3,061.00
Charter	Jersey City Global Charter School	\$1,000.00
Charter	Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	\$1,490.44
Charter	Pace Charter School	\$1,201.96
Charter	Passaic Arts and Science Charter School	\$9,487.54
Charter	Paterson Arts and Science Charter School	\$5,232.58

Charter	Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology	\$7,308.00
Charter	Team Academy Charter School	\$24,752.62
Charter	Thrive Charter School	\$2,876.00