



ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2024



EPS Receives \$4.3M from SDA in Emergent Capital Project Funding



EPA \$19 Million Grant Will Put Clean School Buses on the Streets of New Jersey



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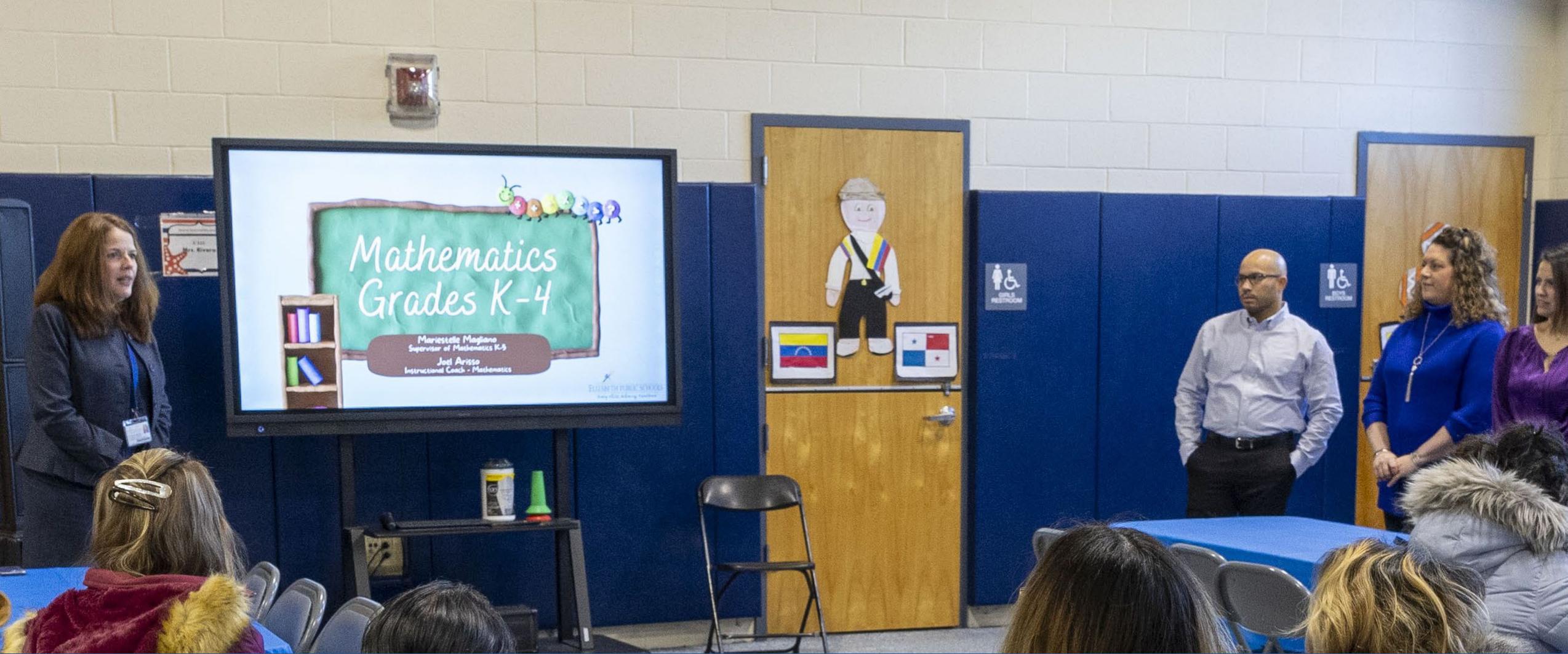


**The New York
Academy of Sciences**

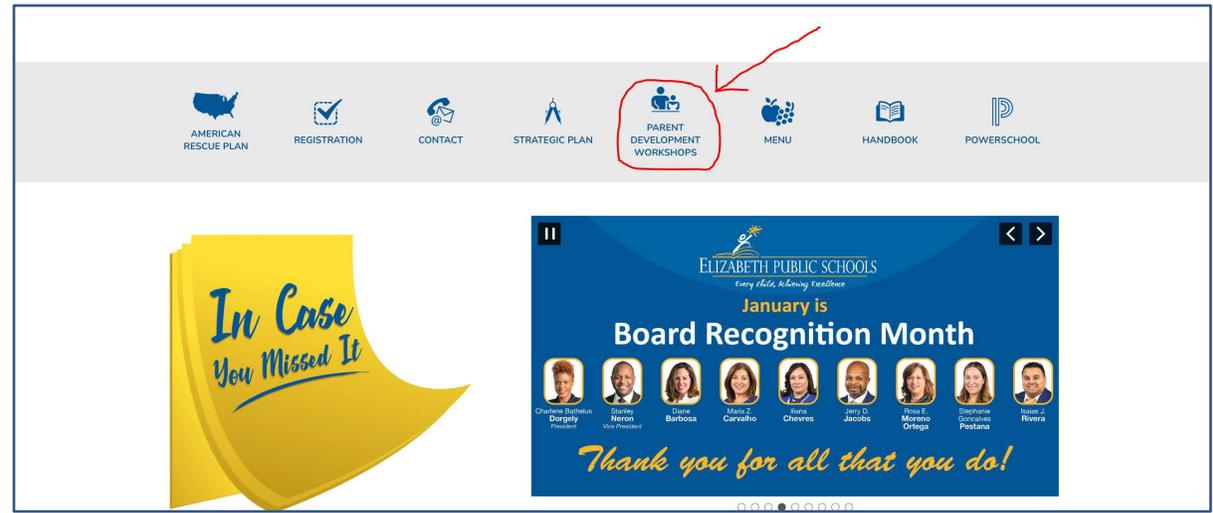
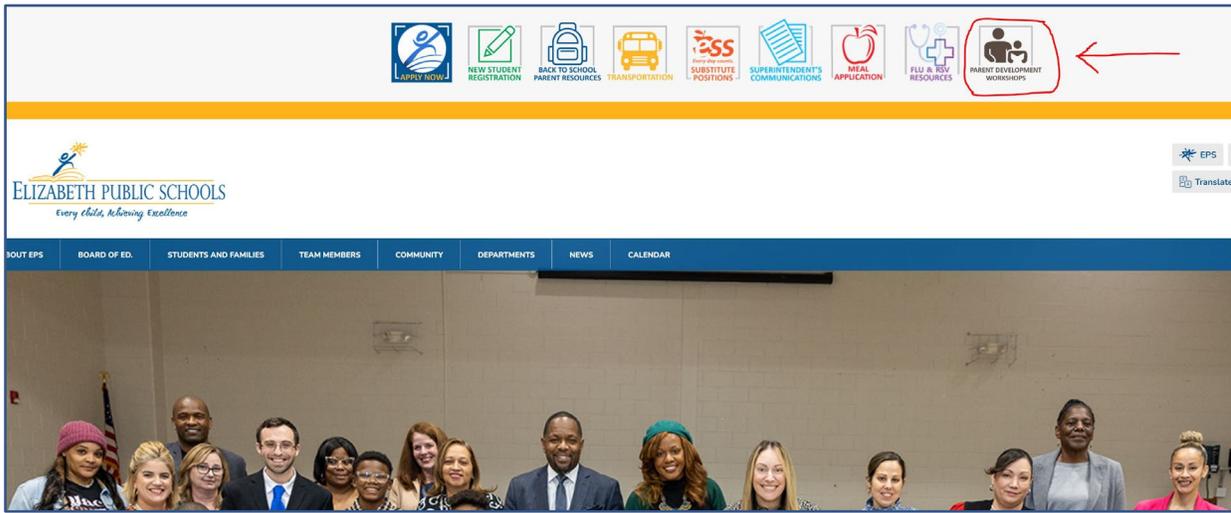
**EPS Partners with New York Academy of
Sciences for Scientist-in-Residence Program**



EPS Offers Addressing Equity Through Cultural Education and SEL Training



EPS Offers Families Parent Development Workshop Series



Parent Development Workshop Series

Click on the Parent Development Workshop icon at the top of the district home page (www.epsnj.org) or under the multimedia gallery



PARENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

EPS Offers Families Parent Development Workshop Series



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Recognitions



Elizabeth High School

has been recognized for the

2023 AP® School Honor Roll

for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes. Elizabeth High School is also honored with the 2023 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.



Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy

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John E Dwyer Technology Academy

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Three EPS High Schools Make 2023 AP School Honor Roll



Two EPS Schools Named 2024 NJ School of Character



**Dwyer's "No One Eats Alone Day" Certified
as Promising Practice by Character.org**



Elizabeth Lady Minutemen Basketball Team Wins Union County Tournament



Halsey Health & Public Safety Academy Named Naval Honor School



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← FIND IT FAST...

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
 The Elizabeth Board of Education celebrates Black History Month to recognize the achievements of Black Americans in our local communities and throughout the world. Join us in honoring the contributions of African Americans that have led to the significant advancement of our society.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Athletics
 Business Office
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Equity and Inclusion
 Food & Nutrition
 Human Resources
 Plant, Property and Equipment
Special Services
 Student Support Services
 Technology and Information Systems
 Transportation

The Special Services webpage can be found quickly on our district home page (www.epsnj.org).

Above the multimedia gallery, roll your cursor over “Departments” and then select “Special Services” from the pulldown menu

Navigating the EPS Website: Special Services Resources

Special Services

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- > Autism Awareness Month
- > Child Find
- > Child Study Team
- > Community Resources
- > Contact Information
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- > IEP Documents
- > Guardianship
- > I.E.P. PROCESS & FAQ
- > Parent Portal
- > Program Description and Curriculum
- > Referrals
- > ReThink
- > Transition to Adulthood

Special Services

Welcome Center
507 Westminster Ave
Elizabeth, NJ 07208
908.436.5200

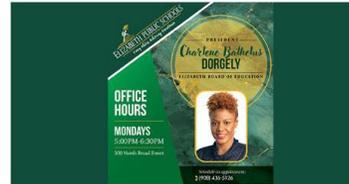
District News

Year Location Category



Early Childhood Preschool Registration

Community Early Childhood Families
News



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Board President's Tour Elizabeth Board of Ed
Families Special Services



Contact Information

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Mark Your Calendar

FEB22

5:30 PM
Board of Education Agenda/Business Meeting

FEB27

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Gifted and Talented Program Parent Information Session

MAR11

Schools Close 12:15 p.m. for Professional Development

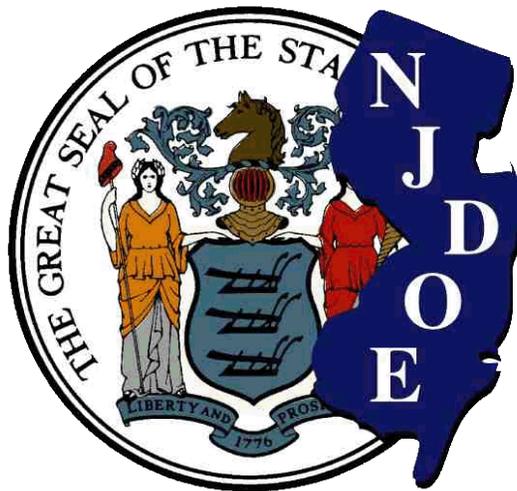
MAR13

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Financial Aid FAFSA Night

[View Calendar](#)

On the Special Services webpage, you can find information on topics such as Child Find, Child Study Team, Elizabeth SEPAC, IEP, and Transition to Adulthood

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Graduation Requirements Update



Bill A1181/S2054

- Gov. Murphy signed into law on January 16, 2024
- Requires all graduating high school students (Class of 2025 & beyond) and families to complete either:
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or
 - NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application
- Students must submit prior to receiving their high school diploma



CURRENT EPS INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL AID COMPLETION

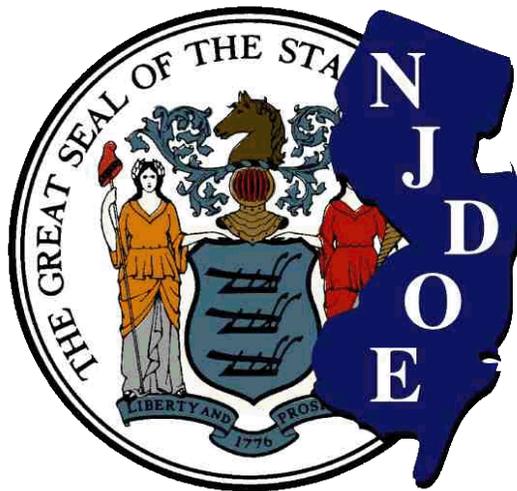
- **District Website**
 - Guide to completing FAFSA
- **School-Level Financial Opportunity**
 - Every School host Senior Financial Aid Completion events
- **District Financial Aid Nights**
 - 1/17/24
 - 2/7/24
 - 3/13/24
- **Partnership (Data Sharing Agreement) with Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)**
 - Will provide frequent completion updates

FUTURE EPS INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL AID COMPLETION

- **Increased Financial Aid night for students and families**
 - Bi-weekly starting January 2025
- **School Level – Embedded Financial Aid assistant through our Financial Literacy Curriculum**
- **Increased partnership with Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) to include:**
 - More frequent data sharing
 - Additional professional development for school staff
- **Training for student/guardians on the updated graduation requirements including waiver opportunity.**

FAFSA GRADUATION REQUIREMENT WAIVER OPPORTUNITY

A student **shall be exempt from the graduation requirement** if the student or the student's parent or guardian submits to the school district a signed waiver form requesting the exemption from the requirement *and* a form signed by the school counselor authorizing the exemption for good cause as defined by the New Jersey State Board of Education.



Assessments Update



Digital SAT

New for 2024, the SAT has gone digital. This includes SAT School Day as well as National Dates on Saturdays.

The digital SAT uses multistage adaptive testing (MST). This means that the digital SAT fairly and accurately measures the same things in a shorter, more secure test while maintaining reliability of the scores

Each assessment has two sections with a 10-minute break between

- Reading and Writing (64 minutes)
- Mathematics (70 minutes)

SAT School Day

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Early Childhood Lottery Registration

February 21 –
March 22





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Gifted & Talented Program Application

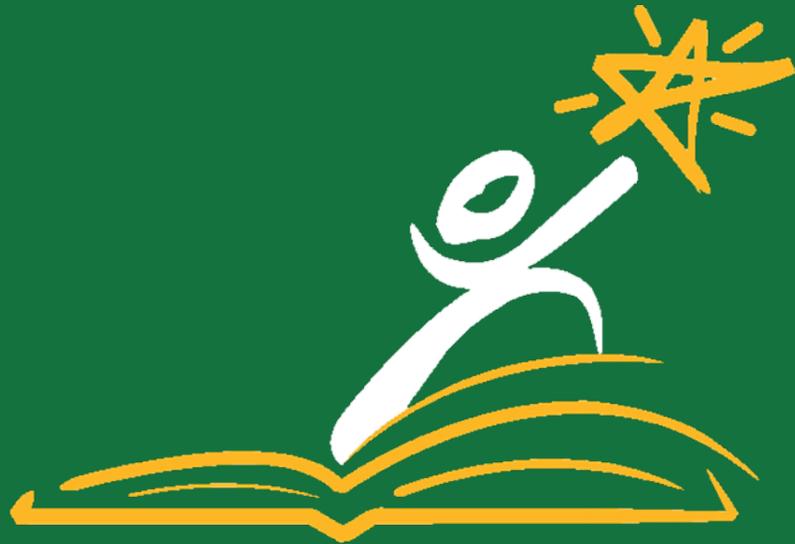
February 27 – April 12

G&T Information
Session

February 27
School 22

5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.





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celebrate

2024

March 1	Read Across America Day
March 3-9	National School Social Worker Week
March 4-8	National School Breakfast Week
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
Whole Month	American Red Cross Month
Whole Month	Irish American Heritage Month
Whole Month	Music in Our Schools Month
Whole Month	National Nutrition Month
Whole Month	Gifted & Talented Students Month
Whole Month	Women's History Month
Whole Month	Social Workers Month
Whole Month	Youth Art Month

in the month of **March**



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