

ALPHA PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Mr. Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

April 5, 2023

Dear Alpha Community,

The Alpha Public School District dutifully provides a free, efficient and thorough education to the children of our community. The school is open to all residents of Alpha. In the past few years the district has had repeated issues with people who do not live in our community sending their children to Alpha School. The time and effort required to prove people are not residents can be, at times, costly and is almost always confrontational. **In an effort to ensure that public tax dollars are used for students in our community we are going to conduct a district-wide re-registration.** The goal is to ensure all attending are residents and give those who are not a graceful exit.

What is a re-registration?

As of July 1, 2023, all residents will be required to register with the district even if their children have lived and attended the Alpha School for their school careers. This includes students attending Phillipsburg High School, Warren Tech or any County Charter School. If your child(ren) attends a private school and you receive transportation aide you must also re-register.

How do I get re-registered?

The forms will be available online April 5, 2023.

- 1) Fill out the forms with appropriate documentation and drop the forms off at the school. We will contact you regarding their receipt and/or if more documentation is needed.

OR

- 2) Make an appointment through our online scheduling link. We will have 3 days (and evenings) in June for people to come to the school in person.

Will there be a reason I cannot register?

That depends on your situation:

- 1) One parent/guardian must maintain a residence in Alpha.
- 2) The child must be living in that residence at least 4 nights a week.
- 3) If your child is under a court order to attend our school, we need a copy.
- 4) Children must live with a legal parent or guardian. This excludes: Grandparents or extended family, ex-partners, separated step parents as legal guardians.

What if I am living in another resident's home?

- 1) We require a notarized affidavit stating you and your child(ren) live at the location in Alpha.
- 2) **Please be aware: If the Alpha home owner falsely signs an affidavit declaring residency, and it turns out to be untrue, the District will prosecute the homeowner as well.**
- 3) A current NJ Driver's License, current utility bill, lease or deed/mortgage statement, and personal bills must reflect this Alpha address.

Please contact the school with questions regarding your specific situation. Thank you, in advance, for the time and effort we know this will take,

Sincerely,

Seth Cohen, CSA