

Appointed School Boards in New Jersey

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In addition to the state's 21 county vocational school districts and 8 county special services school districts, our database shows that the 21 school districts listed below have appointed boards of education. The number in parentheses after each district's name indicates the number of members on its board of education.

Atlantic County: Brigantine (7), Corbin City (5), Linwood (7), Margate (7), Port Republic (5), Ventnor (7)

Bergen County: Rockleigh (9)

Burlington County: Beverly City (5)

Camden: Pine Valley (not avail.); Tavistock (3)

Essex County: East Orange (7), Montclair (7), Orange (7)

Hudson County: Bayonne (9), East Newark (7), Harrison (7), Union City (5), West New York (5)

Mercer County: Trenton (9)

Middlesex County: New Brunswick (7)

Union County: Summit (7)

Since 1990, the following changed their form of school board:

- Appointed to Elected—Hackensack (1990); Burlington City (1991); Millville (1991); Edison Township (1992); East Newark (1992); Egg Harbor City (1992); Irvington (1995); Sea Isle City (1998); Englewood (2000)
- Elected to Appointed—Union City (1991); Pine Valley (1996); East Newark (2002); Rockleigh (2004)

When a district changes its status from appointed to elected, it must increase the size of its board to 9 members (if it did not already have a nine-member board). Over two-thirds of the state's school districts have 9-member boards.

In recent years there have been a few communities that rejected a proposed switch. For instance, in April 2006 voters in Guttenberg, Hudson County, rejected a proposal to change from elected to appointed. In April 2005 Woodbine in Cape May County rejected a change from an elected to a mayor-appointed school board; and in April 2003, voters in Clifton in Passaic County rejected a proposal to change from an elected to an appointed school board structure.