



**60 Neptune Boulevard
Neptune, NJ 07753**

November 15, 2017

Dear Prospective Poseidon Students, Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for considering Poseidon Early College High School; *a partnership through Brookdale Community College and the Neptune Township School District*. Before completing the application process, we suggest that you give careful consideration to the information outlined in this packet to decide whether or not Poseidon Early College High School is the right educational setting for you and your child.

Poseidon is designed for first generation college bound students. The program follows a prescribed rigorous curriculum that enables students to earn their high school diploma and an associate's degree in four years by concurrently completing coursework offered by Brookdale Community College and Neptune Township School District.

In order to be considered for the program, several criterion will be weighed for each applicant. These criteria include, but are not limited to, historical report card grades, PARCC ELA and Mathematics test results, attendance and discipline records, as well as a student and family interview.

Completed applications are due no later than **January 26, 2018**. After all applications are reviewed, applicants, whether accepted or not, will receive a letter from the Neptune Township School District informing them of their status as prospective Poseidon Early College High School students. Finalists will then be notified regarding their next steps in the acceptance process.

Thank you for your interest in Poseidon.

Richard W. Allen

Richard W. Allen, Ed.S.
Principal
Poseidon Early College High School



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Students applying to Poseidon must reside within the boundaries of the Neptune Township Public School System, or within the boundaries of the designated sending districts of Belmar, Bradley Beach, or Neptune City and be enrolled in the Public Schools of that district.

The following instructions will help you complete the application:

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Complete the Poseidon application in black or blue ink or online. To complete the application online, please use the following website: <http://www.neptune.k12.nj.us/domain/396> . Print the completed application to be mailed.
- Be sure to include the Poseidon application and **all the attachments**, listed below, in your mailing. **Only completed applications will be considered for admission into Poseidon.**

Your Poseidon application must include the following attachments:

- 500 Word Essay**
- 3 Letters of Recommendation** – One from a guidance counselor, one from a teacher (current or previous), and one from an administrator or community member. Recommendation templates are located in the Poseidon application packet.
- Signed Student Expectations sheet**
- Signed Parent Expectations sheet**

Mail your completed Poseidon application and all attachments to:

Neptune Township Board of Education
60 Neptune Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Neptune, NJ 07753
ATTN: Poseidon Admissions



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Student Name: _____		Current School: _____	
<i>last name</i> <i>first name</i>			
Student ID Number: _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Current Grade: _____
Home Address: _____		_____	
<i>Street</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Primary Phone: ()		Email Address: _____	
Is English your primary language? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, what is your primary language? _____			
Place of Birth: _____		Age: _____	Date of Birth: / /
Student Cell Phone #: ()			
Parent or Guardian: Please answer the following questions.			
Father/Guardian Name: _____		Primary Phone #: ()	
E-mail Address: _____		Work Phone #: ()	
Cell Phone #: ()	Did you attend college? No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, did you earn a degree? _____ Type of degree earned: _____
Mother/Guardian Name: _____		Primary Phone #: ()	
E-mail Address: _____		Work Phone #: ()	
Cell Phone #: ()	Did you attend college? No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, did you earn a degree? _____ Type of degree earned: _____
If parents are separated or divorced, with whom does the student live? _____			
Is your child eligible for a free or reduced-priced lunch? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Does your student have an active 504 or Special Education IEP on file? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is your student an English Language Learner? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Ethnicity: (optional)			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino			
<input type="checkbox"/> White			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander			
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			



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To be completed by the student. Please type or hand print in black or blue ink. Use extra sheets as needed.

Please review the student expectations sheet and describe something interesting about yourself that led you to apply to Poseidon or that will help you succeed in this program. *Your essay should be approximately 500 words.*



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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

If you are accepted to Poseidon, you will need to adhere to the following expectations:

- I will make education a high priority in my life, including positive participation in class and school activities.
- I will work to fulfill my potential.
- I will work collaboratively with other students in Poseidon.
- I will attend all mandatory orientation sessions in the summer prior to my admittance into Poseidon.
- I understand that the school calendar and school day may not be in alignment with Neptune High School, and am expected to adhere to Poseidon's calendar.
- I will be punctual and maintain good attendance in all high school and college classes.
- I will take responsibility for my own learning, behavior, and success.
- I will devote the time necessary to complete homework, studying, and reading in an appropriate manner.
- I will show respect for everyone in the school community and the rights of others to learn and succeed.
- I will behave in a manner that shows respect for the high school, college, school facilities, and equipment.
- I will adhere to Brookdale Community College's Student Conduct Code while taking Brookdale courses or at Brookdale facilities.
- I will maturely handle the freedoms of scheduling in a college setting, and understand that my participation in Poseidon is a privilege, not a right.
- I understand that Poseidon students will have *limited access to* organized athletics and extra-curricular activities.
- I will adhere to the technology agreements set forth by Poseidon and NTSD.
- I will take the Brookdale Community College Accuplacer during my freshman year.
- I will participate in a Career Interest Survey as part of the Poseidon program.
- I understand that I may be transferred to my high school of residence if I do not maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average, maintain good attendance, and behavior in high school and college courses.

I have read, understand and accept the student expectations.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

The following are parental support expectations if your child is accepted to Poseidon:

- I will ensure that my child has good attendance.
- I understand that my child must attend all mandatory orientation sessions in the summer prior to his/her admittance into Poseidon.
- I understand that the school calendar and school day may not be in alignment with Neptune High School, and my child is expected to adhere to Poseidon's calendar.
- I will expect my child to complete his/her homework and assignments.
- I will stay informed about Poseidon activities by reading all school information sent home.
- I will maintain communication with my child's teachers and Guidance Counselor at Poseidon.
- I will provide a quiet place for my child to do their homework and study.
- I will monitor my child's academic progress on the Parent Portal.
- I will attend any parent meetings or conferences arranged by the Poseidon staff.
- I understand that Poseidon will have limited access to organized athletics and extra-curricular activities.
- I understand that my child is responsible for following all rules and regulations of Poseidon, NTSD and Brookdale Community College when taking college courses.
- I will ensure that my child completes all assignments in an accurate and timely manner and will work to provide a quiet study space and sufficient uninterrupted time for my child to complete their coursework.
- I understand that if my child does not maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, good attendance and behavior in all high school and college courses he or she may be removed from the Poseidon program.
- I understand that my child will be traveling to Brookdale's campus over the course of their four years at Poseidon.

I have read, understand and commit to the above parent/guardian expectations.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Falsifying any information on the Poseidon application may result in your child being disqualified from admission or withdrawn from the program.*



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Letter of Recommendation

To the applicant:

In order to be considered for Poseidon Early College High School, you will need to submit three (3) letters of recommendation: One from a guidance counselor, one from a teacher (current or previous), and one from an administrator or community member. This form should be given to each person from whom you are requesting a recommendation. The individuals selected should be able to comment on your qualifications for this program. For the convenience of the recommender, please fill in the information requested below by typing or printing. Have each recommender return this form to you, with their signature, so that you can include it in your completed application.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Home Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
Current School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Name of Recommender: _____

To the recommender:

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Please complete the information below. Once completed, please return this form and attachments to the applicant. **Please be sure to sign this form.**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Title: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Would you recommend the applicant for Poseidon? _____

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided here is accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For how long have you known this applicant and in what capacity?

Briefly describe your overall impression of this applicant.

List the courses you taught this applicant. Please include the course level of difficulty (honors, AP, IB, etc) and the year in which you taught the applicant (i.e., sophomore, junior, senior)

APPLICANT RATINGS

Please rate this applicant compared to other college-bound students in his or her class I prefer not to participate in the applicant ratings section)

ACADEMIC	No Ability to Judge	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Academic Success	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written Expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creative Qualities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHARACTER/ PERSONALITY TRAITS	No Ability to Judge	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Respect for Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership/Influence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character and Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EVALUATION

Please evaluate this applicant and include your thoughts about academic and personal traits. We are particularly interested in information that will help to differentiate this applicant from others. Feel free to include a separate sheet with additional information, as appropriate.

Overall, I recommend this student for admission Not at all With reservations Fairly strongly Strongly Enthusiastically

Your signature indicates that all information on this form is factually true and honestly presented and that you are the person submitting this form.

Signature of Recommender: _____

Date: _____