



**LET'S PARTNER**

**OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission is to build meaningful partnerships with school districts to provide quality educational and administrative services in a cost effective and efficient manner to meet the needs of its students. We believe in the worth and dignity of each student and endeavor to help them grow to their fullest potential. We strive to enhance students' learning by providing them with strategies and skills in an atmosphere that fosters creativity and positivism, which will enable them to become independent thinkers and learners.

**QUICK FACTS**

- 37 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICES
- 10 CONSTITUENT MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- ERESK SERVICES IN ALL 21 COUNTIES IN NEW JERSEY
- HIGH % OF GRADUATES
- 6:1 STUDENT TO STAFF RATIO
- DIVERSE SERVICES TAILORED TO MEET DISTRICT NEEDS
- COST EFFECTIVE

**#1 in Customer Service**

**ERESC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
PARAPROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

*Serving At-Risk, Classified and Non-Classified Students, Grades K-12*

- Essex Junior Academy, Grades K-8
- Essex Campus Academy, Grades 9-12
- Essex High School, Grades 9-12
- Sojourn High School

**TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS IN COLLEGES/CAREER PLACEMENTS**

**SUMMER SCHOOL SERVICES**

**PROJECT LIFE PROGRAMS FOR AUTISTIC LEARNERS**

**DIVISION OF SERVICES TO NON-PUBLIC AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- *Non-Public School Services*
  - » Chapter 192 Services
  - » Chapter 193 Services
  - » Title I – ESSA Services
  - » IDEA-B Services
  - » Non-Public School Technology
  - » Chapter 226 – Non-Public School Nursing Services
  - » Home Instruction Services
- *Public School Services*
  - » Child Study Team Services
  - » Home Instruction Services

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

- Extended Day/Year Program
- Homeless Education Program
- Migrant Education Program
- Related Services Program

**BUSINESS**

- Cooperative Purchasing



Welcome To  
**The Essex Regional Educational Services Commission**



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ERESC**

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## Welcome to the ERESK Schools

The ERESK operates four alternative educational school programs for students who are at risk, special needs or regular education. Each program offers an impressive 6:1 staff to student ratio, strong counseling programs, diverse and motivating curricula, transition support for career or college readiness, and the common goal of academic achievement leading to graduation.

### Essex Junior Academy

EJA – Welcome to the Home of the DRAGONS, Grades K-8

- Public Special Education School
- 3:1 Student to Staff Ratio with Speech and Counseling Services
- Guided Reading/Math Programs, Learn to Swim, Street Law Program, Health Services
- Individualized Learning Plans, Schoolwide Behavioral Management Program
- Extended School Year Program in July and August
- 45 Day Placement

### Essex Campus Academy

ECA – Welcome to the Home of the PANTHERS, Grades 9-12

- Diverse Curriculum including Life Skills, Culinary Art, Building Trades, Music Technology, Workplace Readiness, Conflict Resolution
- Portfolio Assessment, Accelerated Learning Program, Group Counseling Services
- Extended School Year Program
- 45 Day Placement
- Individualized Learning Plans and Behavioral Management Program

### Essex High School

EHS – Home of the PHOENIX, Grades 9-12

- College and Career Readiness
- Counseling Services, Related Services
- Extended School Year Program
- Music Technology
- Credit Recovery
- Differentiated Instruction
- 45 Day Placement
- Individualized Learning Plans and Behavioral Management Program



### Sojourn High School

SOJOURN – Welcome to the Home of the SOJOURN SOLDIERS

Sojourn High School is a program for pre-adjudicated youth where students can earn a diploma from their local school district or a GED

- Thematic Instruction
- Regular and Special Education Programs
- GED Program, Credit Recovery
- Individualized Counseling

## Welcome to the Division of Special Services and Grants

### Extended Day/Year Program

- A positive afterschool alternative program for students in grades K-8 who are placed in foster care
- Summer Program Available 9:00 – 4:00, Field Trips
- Transportation to and from, all year

### McKinney Vento Homeless Education Program

- The McKinney Vento Program offers high quality educational services for homeless children
- The ERESK Supplemental Services address skills related to cognition, visual perception, receptive and expressive language and self-help skills
- Program services include tutoring, remedial, enrichment, medical, dental, counseling, recreational and life skills

### Migrant Education Program (MEP)

- MEP ensures students of migrant workers have access to free and appropriate education, Pre-K – Grade 12
- ERESK Operates MEP in 12 N.J. Counties
- Programs designed to help children overcome cultural and language barriers, social isolation and health issues

### Non-Public School Services

Services to Public and Non-Public Schools is committed to providing a myriad of services for school districts in a cost effective and professional manner. All programs are carefully designed and implemented in an effort to ensure quality educational experiences and superior service. The following is a list of the programs and services:

- Chapter 192 Services
  - » Compensatory Education
  - » English-as-a-Second Language
  - » Home Instruction Program
- Chapter 193 Services
  - » Supplementary Instruction
  - » Speech and Language Services
  - » Child Study Team
- Title I – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- IDEA-B Services
  - » Instructional Aides for in-class support
  - » Counseling
  - » Staff Development
  - » Supplies
  - » Additional Supplemental Instruction
- Non-Public School Technology
- Chapter 226 – Non-Public School Nursing Services

### Public School Services

- Child Study Team Services
- Home Instruction Program
- Nursing Services
- Speech



## Related Services Program

- Related Services includes Occupational and Physical Therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis, Functional Behavioral Assessments, Speech and Behavior Intervention Programs
- Observation, analysis, assessment of student performance conducted
- Individual student plan, goal-directed

## Adult Education Test For State Issued High School Diploma (Formerly GED)

- The Adult Education Test is a New Jersey state approved test for people without a high school diploma who wish to have one
- The test is offered at various locations throughout the state, ERESK being one of them

### YOU NEED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

- People without a high school diploma tend to be at a disadvantage vis-à-vis people with high school diploma:
  - » They earn \$10K less
  - » They tend to be stuck in low paying jobs with fewer opportunities for career advancement
  - » They are unable to find meaningful employment

### A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WILL OPEN DOORS AND MAY GUARANTEE YOU THE FOLLOWING:

- Job security
- Good working wages
- Good fringe benefits
- Opportunities for promotion
- The ERESK can help you ACHIEVE your GOAL.

## Division of Coordinated Transportation Services

- ERESK provides safe, professional cost effective services
- ERESK drivers are licensed and must clear criminal background checks
- ERESK buses are safe, clean, equipped with seat belts, two-way communication devices and are insured according to NJ State Regulations
- ERESK is equipped with a CALL CENTER and provides rapid response to parents, schools and drivers
- ERESK transportation offers wheelchair lift and restraints
- ERESK provides bus transportation for FIELD TRIPS
- ERESK provides bus aid training for school districts and bus companies

## Paraprofessional Program

- ERESK partners with public school districts and charter schools in many counties to provide paraprofessional services
- ERESK paraprofessional support students with physical, emotional, cognitive and autistic disabilities
- ERESK paraprofessionals are supervised, evaluated and supported with professional development opportunities
- ERESK communicates with district and school personnel to meet student needs

## Cooperative Purchasing Services

- ERESK offers access to the NJ Cooperative Pricing System using Educational Services Data
- Discounted fees for participating member districts = SAVINGS FOR DISTRICTS