

# The Naples Act

Placing students in their best-fit school

## WHAT



The Naples Act is a New Jersey law passed in 1989. The Naples Act allows public school districts to place special education students into accredited schools as long as the school meets specific standards and requirements.

Naples placement requirements:

1. The school is accredited by a recognized accrediting body
2. The school most appropriately meets the student's individual needs
3. School staff is licensed or certified appropriately
4. Services provided are non-discriminatory and non-sectarian
5. The school program meets all requirements under the law

## WHO



Students whose individual needs are most appropriately served in a special education school outside of their districts. The Naples Act broadened the options available to parents and districts to better meet the needs of students requiring special education services.

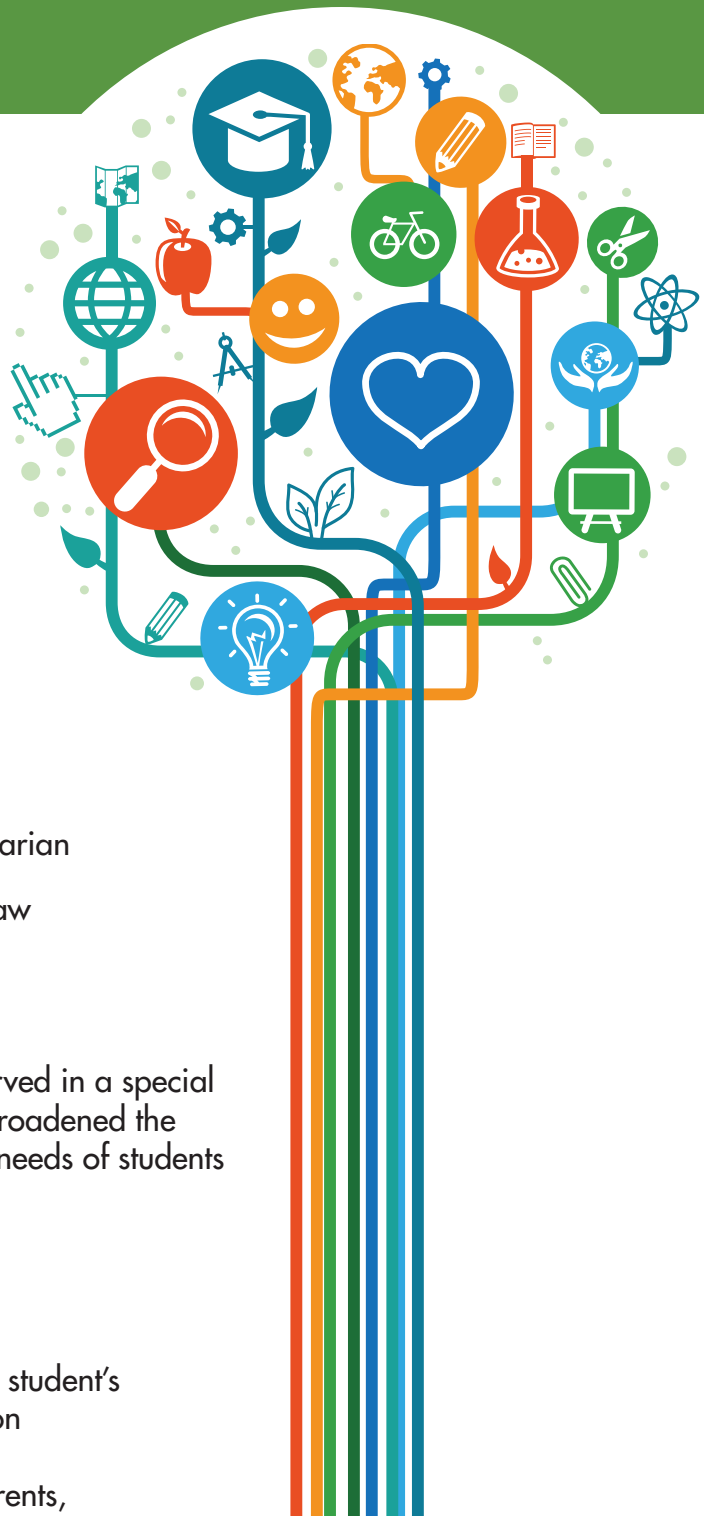
## WHEN



The IEP team, including the district child study team and the student's parents, determines the student's individual special education needs. When outside-of-district placement is deemed most appropriate by the team, the Naples Act gives students, parents, and school districts the flexibility to choose the right school.

**Orchard Friends School meets all requirements for Naples Act placement. OFS is non-sectarian and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.**

**School districts have been placing students at Orchard Friends School under the Naples Act since 2000.**



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