

**SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL CHOICE
APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete and forward this application to the following address:

South Hadley Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
Town Hall – 116 Main Street
South Hadley, MA 01075
Telephone: 413-538-5060 Fax: 413-532-6284

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date of Application: _____

Address: _____

City/Town and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Name of Child: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Grade Level Requested: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School the child is CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____ Grade: _____

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Town: _____

Is student applicant currently on an Individual Education Plan? Yes ___ No ___

* (Copy of current IEP must accompany application)

Has student applicant ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes ___ No ___ If yes,

*(Copy of disciplinary report must accompany this application)

If yes, when, from what school, and why: _____

Reason for requesting School Choice into the South Hadley Public Schools:

**Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
*Please complete information on the reverse side of the form.***

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 76, Section 12B (j) permits public schools to establish terms for accepting non-resident choice students.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 71, Section 37L; Chapter 71, Section 37H(e); permits public schools to review the student's complete school record.

No school committee shall discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy or pregnancy related conditions, ancestry, athletic performances, physical handicap, special need or academic performance or proficiency in the English language. The South Hadley Public Schools Title IX Compliance Officer is Kathleen Boyden, South Hadley School Department, 116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075, (413) 538-5072.

I give my consent for the schools that my child attended prior to this request to release information relative to his/her academic, special education, and health records, discipline, and school citizenship to an administrator of the South Hadley Public Schools.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

For official school use only. Please do not write below this line.

Receiving Principal's Signature

Date

Comments: _____

Superintendent's Signature

Date

Approved _____ *Denied* _____

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Please keep this page for your reference

School Choice Guidelines

All school-age children who live in Massachusetts are entitled to attend a public school free of charge. Most children attend school in their home district where they live. The School Choice Program allows parents the opportunity to have their children attend our schools while residing in a surrounding town.

As a parent of a student applying to the School Choice Program, I understand and agree to the following guidelines:

- There are a limited number of School Choice seats and participation in the School Choice Program is determined by the South Hadley School Committee's annual vote.
- An application is required for each student applying and those applications must be received by the established deadline.
- Applications from siblings of students already enrolled in South Hadley Public Schools under the School Choice program and who will remain in the School Choice program during that school year will, by law, receive priority in placement. Such students will be accepted first, IF space is available in the grade they are seeking. If there are more applicants than the number of seats, a random drawing will be conducted among them to determine placement.
- Once siblings have been placed, the remaining vacancies will be filled by a random drawing.
- Should the number of applications exceed the number of vacancies, all applicants not accepted will be randomly selected and placed, in the order of their selection, on a waiting list for that school year.
- Parents will receive a Notice of Acceptance indicating their child's status (seat awarded or waitlist status) via mail.
- There are no openings in the Behavioral, Alternative or Specialized Special Education Programs. However, mainstream classes can provide special education services, with the exceptions above. Students currently receiving Special Education Services will be required to provide a current IEP during enrollment.
- Your child may be denied a School Choice seat based on past school disciplinary actions in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.
- Bus transportation is not available for School Choice students. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide daily transportation and to ensure students arrive at school on time and are promptly picked up after school.
- Once accepted into the School Choice Program, parents will need to REGISTER their child in the South Hadley Public Schools. For students entering grades K-8 must contact the schools directly; for South Hadley High School (grades 9-12) contact the Guidance Office 413-538-5063 to make an appointment for registration.
- If accepted, I agree to notify my child's school secretary to report any changes in our home address.
- The School Choice lottery will take place no later than the second week of June (annually), with notifications sent one week following the lottery.