

Hilton Head Island Enrollment Policy

Beaufort County School District School Choice Statement:

Our district-wide school choice program frees students from a one-size-fits-all learning model and offers them a customized program suited to their talents and interests. This learning model builds confidence, helps students increase their knowledge and skills, and puts them on a course for success in school and in life.

If your child loves the visual or performing arts, we have schools that fuse the arts with their academic lessons. If your child is interested in the Medical or Technology fields, our Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MedTech7) will provide them a unique opportunity to explore these industries through hands-on, real-world learning experiences. If your child has a talent for languages, we have schools that offer dual-language programs where students speak those languages in many of their academic classes. All district schools maintain a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics focus, as well as core subjects in the arts, world languages and technology.

Qualifying students can attend a school choice program, however, enrollment capacities will determine the ability to offer school choice to students outside their regular attendance zone.

(Source: Beaufort County School District School Choice and Choice Programs website:

<https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/school-choiceprograms>)

Admission Requirements:

Hilton Head Island Elementary School (HHIES) is a Beaufort County School District public school of choice open to all students without academic requirements for admission. Under the umbrella of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, HHIES offers both general education and Dual Language classes in Spanish or Mandarin Chinese. A qualified and dedicated faculty academically challenge Hilton Head Island Elementary School students through a rigorous curriculum. HHIES sets high expectations for learners and aims to help students reach and exceed grade-level standards.

Admission to Hilton Head Island Elementary is based on living within the boundaries set by the Beaufort County School District. Students within the boundaries set for Hilton Head Island Schools are granted admission. Enrollment capacities determine the ability to offer school choice to students outside of their regular attendance zone. Any student who does not live in the attendance zone of their desired choice program may apply to any school with that choice program. Please note: Parents must provide transportation to and from the school if the student does not live in the attendance zone. Students and parents must abide by the tardy and attendance policy as set forth by Beaufort County School District in order to maintain out-of-zone enrollment.

For more information about applications and attendance zones, please see the BSCD website

<https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/school-choiceprograms/applications>,

<https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/attendance-zone-elementary/elementary-schools>

Additional Documentation:

The Beaufort County School District requires the parents to provide proof of residency.

Section 1	
You must provide one (1) of the following documents. The document must show and match the parent/guardian and address listed above. If you are unable to provide one of the following documents, request the Alternate Proof of Residency Application.	
Document	Details
Real Estate Tax Bill	Must be the most recent bill.
Signed Lease	Dated within 1 year of the first day of attendance.
Military Housing Letter	
Section 8 Letter	
Please check and attach copies of the documents above. You should black out account and social security numbers on the documents. All documents must be current and show the name and address of the parent(s)/ guardian(s). Envelopes will not be accepted.	
Notice: Parent/Guardians will be given 30 days to provide documentation of residency from the date of enrollment. A home visit may be conducted by the school's social worker or other school official if documentation is not provided within 30 days.	
If it is found that a parent/guardian is knowingly or willfully providing false information to a school district regarding the residency of a child for the purpose of enabling that child to attend any school in that district, the adult can be prosecuted for providing false information, a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to \$200 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days and required to pay an amount equal to the cost of educating the child.	

Section 2	
You must provide one (1) of the following documents. The document must show and match the parent/guardian and address listed above. If you are unable to provide one of the following documents, request the Alternate Proof of Residency Application.	
Document	Details/Examples
Utility Bill	Gas, Electric, Water/Sewer (Within last 60 days)
Phone Bill (Landline only)	Within last 60 days (Cell phone bills will not be accepted)
Cable Bill	Within last 60 days
Current Car Insurance declaration page	Must be an active policy
Current Home or Renters insurance declaration page	Must be an active policy
Vehicle Registration	Must be for current period
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You can find out more information about our IB program by visiting our school website at <https://hhie.beaufortschools.net/> or by calling 843-342-4100.

Review of Policy:

Policy Review Process

The Enrollment policy is reviewed annually and was last reviewed by the school's leadership, staff, SIC, and PTO in the Fall of 2023. On December 10, 2023, a committee comprised of school staff from each grade level and/or specialty area spent time reading and discussing the policy and then offered their feedback and possible changes. Final reviews and revisions were shared in February of 2024 with all staff, community members, Student Council Representatives, PTO, and SIC representatives. Updated policies were added to the HHIE School Website in February 2024.

Review and Revised December 2023

The updated Policy was shared with the school community in February 2024.

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