

**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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School Choice Guidelines

Please keep this page for your reference.

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

- There are no openings in the Therapeutic, 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.
- There are a limited number of School Choice openings determined by the South Hadley School Committee's annual vote.
- An application is required for each student applying, which must be received within the acceptance window and 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.
- Should the number of applications exceed the number of vacancies, a random drawing will be conducted among them to determine placement.
- The South Hadley reserves the right to stop accepting any new students through the School Choice Program on June 30th.
- Caregivers will receive notice via USPS of determination.
- Bus transportation is not available for School Choice students. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the caregivers/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.
- Students accepted are subject to all policies and regulations of South Hadley Public Schools and any changes in home address must be reported to the school office.
- If at any point after acceptance, a student withdraws from the South Hadley School District for any reason, they automatically forfeit their School Choice slot. Reentrance into South Hadley Public Schools would then require either residency or reapplication via the standard School Choice process without special consideration.

The School Choice lottery will take place no later than the second week of June (annually), with notifications sent one week following the lottery.