SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Town Hall—116 Main Street
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School Choice Application

Date of Application: _____ Name Of Caregiver/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City/Town & Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

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

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level Requested: _____ Sibling in SHPS: Yes___ No ___

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Current School Address _____ City/Town: _____

Is the student currently on an Individual Education Plan? Yes __ No __ *Attach copy of current IEP

Has the student ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes __ No __ *Attach disciplinary report

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

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Reason for requesting school choice in South Hadley: _____

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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 Lyn Jacques, South Hadley School Department, 116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075, (413) 538-5072.

Please complete information on the reverse side of this form.

I give my consent to 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.

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Signature of Caregiver/Guardian Date

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

Approved ____ Denied ___ _____

Superintendent's Signature *Date*

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

- 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.

- If accepted, I agree to notify my child's school office 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.