



Hopewell Valley Regional School District
 425 South Main Street
 Pennington, New Jersey 08534
 Mercer County

District Grades: Pre-K – Grade 12
Approved Choice Grades: Grade 4 and Grade 9
Total Number of Students Enrolled in District: 3,617

CHOICE PROGRAM: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

The STEM program will provide students with a specialized learning program concentrating on science, math and technology. The program will enrich students’ educational experiences and infuse higher-learning standards through project-based learning, a broad range of enrichments, and follow-up opportunities based upon students’ strengths and interests.

CHOICE PROGRAM: Performing Arts Academy

The Performing Arts Academy capitalizes on the quality of our existing program by nurturing students who have a passion for the performing arts. Through a multi-layered approach, students are exposed to a rigorous performing arts program based in performance philosophy while infusing a strong academic program. Students are also exposed to a rich history of the performing arts while increasing their learning skills through cross-cultural themes. This program will offer accepted 9th grade students the chance to shine in a supportive environment and provide them with opportunities to perform and compete across the country.

County: Mercer

Choice Parent Information Center Phone Number:
609-737-4002, x 2101

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Choice Seats Available For the 2018 – 2019 School Year	
School Name: Bear Tavern Elementary School Specialized Program Name: Grade 4, STEM	
School Name: Central High School Specialized Program Name: Grade 9, Performing Arts Academy	
Maximum number of <u>NEW</u> students that can be accepted: 7	
NOTE: Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept.	
A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD AND A WAITLIST WILL BE DEVELOPED IF MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IS RECEIVED.	
Grade	Seat Availability Per Grade
K	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	7
10	0
11	0
12	0



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District Choice Policies	
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.	Yes
b. The district gives enrollment preference to students who have a sibling currently attending the choice district, provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria.	Yes
c. The district gives enrollment preference to choice students who have completed the terminal grade of the sending district (i.e., students who attend a choice district with grades that terminate before 12th grade and with a natural progression to this choice district).	Not Applicable
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <u>before</u> the application deadline. If resident students move and file choice applications for the following year prior to the deadline, the district will give them enrollment preference (i.e., accept them ahead of other applicants), PROVIDED that there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/ programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria. <i>If the district has already reached its approved choice enrollment maximum, this preference will not apply.</i>	Yes
e. The district gives special consideration to resident students who move <u>after</u> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants, PROVIDED that there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria. <i>If the district has already reached its approved choice enrollment maximum, this special consideration will not apply.</i>	Yes

TRANSPORTATION NOTE TO PARENTS:

Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. If a student is eligible for transportation (within 20 miles of the school) and the cost will exceed \$1000, the parent/guardian will be given \$1000 as aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of receiving the transportation and paying the additional amount over \$1000. By Aug. 1, 2018, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

Tier 1 students are students who are enrolled in a NJ public school in their resident school district during the time of application and for the entire year (2017-18) immediately preceding enrollment in a choice district. If a student moved during the school year and attended the resident public school of his/her old district of residence, he/she is also considered Tier 1. Choice districts must first fill their available seats with Tier 1 students. If the number of Tier 1 applications exceeds the number of choice seats available, the choice district must hold a lottery to randomly select students. Charter school students are considered to be Tier 1. To qualify as Tier 1 for kindergarten, a student must be attending a state-funded preschool in his or her resident district or a student resides in a district that does not offer a state-funded preschool program or a student has a sibling currently attending the choice district. Most students applying for kindergarten are in Tier 1.

Tier 2 students include NJ residents who have **not** attended their resident public school for the entire year immediately prior to enrollment in the desired choice district and do **not** otherwise meet the requirements for Tier 1. This would include students who have been attending public school outside their districts of residence or private school. **Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students.** If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so only after all of the qualified Tier 1 applicants have been accepted. If the number of Tier 2 applications exceeds the number of choice seats available, the choice district must hold a Tier 2 lottery to select students.