



Haddon Heights School District - Office of Curriculum and Instruction

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Haddon Heights Choice District Profile 2020-21

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District Grades: K-12

Approved Choice Grades: 1-12

Number of students enrolled in district: 1519

Choice Program

Serving the communities of Barrington, Haddon Heights, Lawnside, and Merchantville, Haddon Heights School District continues to be proud of its continuing tradition of excellent academic performance and high standards for all students. The high number of students who move on to post-secondary education and the military continues to be competitive on a national level. Haddon Heights School High School offers a diverse curriculum, including more than 125 course offerings, 10 AP courses, and 14 Honors classes at the high school alone.

Although focused on academics and preparing students to succeed in the 21st Century, Haddon Heights is focused on developing the whole student. A variety of activities are offered throughout the district. At the high school, students have the opportunity to participate in 20 varsity sports and over 40 extra-curricular activities. In junior-high, students can participate in 8 sports and 10 extra-curricular activities. Choice students will have the ability to participate in any programs offered in the district.

Haddon Heights is committed to new educational initiatives to develop every student academically, socially, and emotionally while developing a sense of self-worth and confidence.

Choice Seats Available for 2020-2021 School Year

Maximum number of **NEW** students who can be accepted: **6**

Grade	Seat Availability per Grade
K-6	1
7	1
8	0
9	4
10-12	0

**Please note that Districts may have more seats available than they are able to accept. A lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed for all approved choice grades even if no seats are currently available. (Grades 1-12)*



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District Choice Policies	
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definition below).	Yes
b. The district gives enrollment preference to applicants 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 and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	Yes
c. The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants 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), provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria.	Yes
d. The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <i>before the application deadline</i> . 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, but after the enrollment preference students described in b. and c. above), provided 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>	No
e. The district gives special consideration to resident students who move <i>after</i> the application deadline. Students in this situation may apply as late applicants and be added to the front of the district's waitlist, provided the students will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria. No additional choice seats above the maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students.	No

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 the maximum amount designated in the Annual Appropriations Act, the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of receiving the transportation and paying the additional amount over the maximum. **By Aug. 1, 2020**, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures for choice students](#).

Tier 1 Explained

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 (2019-20) 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.**



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Tier 2 Explained

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.