

**Hemlock Public School District
School Of Choice Application
2021-22**

Hemlock Public Schools, in accordance with Senate Bill 851 of the 1995-96 School Aid Act, has decided to opt into the School of Choice program under Section 105/105c of the State Aid Act.

The following are enrollment limits, nondiscrimination rules, refusals, preferences, and random selection guidelines as defined by Hemlock Public School District.

Hemlock Public School District has set the following requirements, for students who are nonresidents of Hemlock Public School District, to enroll under the School of Choice option.

REQUIREMENTS

1. ENROLLMENT LIMITS

Hemlock Public School District will allow students to enroll in the following grades:

A minimum of one (1) student in Grades Y-5 through 12; Alternative Education will accept a minimum of one (1) student per program.

If vacancies exist after quotas have been filled, additional enrollments may be approved based upon class size enrollment determined by administration.

2. REFUSAL GUIDELINES (K-12)

Hemlock Public School District may refuse enrollment to any non-resident student who has violated the following rules:

- A.) A student who has been expelled at any time during their educational career.
- B.) A student who has been suspended one or more days during the last two (2) academic years, i.e. 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Applicant discipline records will be reviewed and may constitute reason for denial of admission.

3. TRANSPORTATION

Hemlock Public School District is not obligated to provide transportation to nonresident pupils or resident pupils enrolled in other districts except as may be required by an IEP for a special education student. Parents/guardians are responsible for all transportation of their child to and from Hemlock Public School District.

4. NONDISCRIMINATION

Nonresident applicants cannot be accepted or denied enrollment based on the following: Intellectual, academic, artistic or other ability, mental or physical disability, *age, religion, race, color, national origin, sex, height, weight, marital status, athletic ability, or in violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination.

**NOTE: Hemlock Public Schools may refuse to enroll a pupil based upon the age of the applicant when it is deemed that the program to which the student has applied is found to be inappropriate for the age of that pupil.*

5. CALENDAR

By February 10, 2021	The school district indicates whether or not it will accept applications.
By March 1, 2021	The district publishes grades, schools and special programs for which applications will be accepted.
By March 8, 2021	First Window for the 2021-22 school year; Applications available.
By March 22, 2021	Last day to accept applications for the first semester program.
By April 12, 2021	School accepts or denies applications.
By July 26, 2021	Second Window for the 2021-22 school year; Applications available.
By August 9, 2021	Last day to accept applications for the first semester program.
By January 5, 2022	First day to accept second semester applications

6. ENROLLMENT

Hemlock Public School District under the provisions of Schools of Choice Program will accept students from March 8 through March 22, 2021 (first window) and July 26 through August 9, 2021 (second window). All participants in the Schools of Choice program are required to attend Hemlock Public School District for the entire year.

7. ACADEMICS

Since most high school and middle school class schedules are developed prior to the completion of the School of Choice application process, students requesting transfer to the Hemlock Public School District should be aware that not all class requests may be granted. Prior to submitting a Hemlock Public School District School of Choice application, it is suggested that the student and or his/her parent(s)/guardian meet with a counselor or school administrator at the school of choice to determine class availability.

8. ATHLETICS

Hemlock Public School District is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (M.H.S.A.A.). All rules that govern that Association will be strictly adhered to. Any nonresident pupils are ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one full semester or 90 school days.

9. APPLICATIONS

Nonresident School of Choice applicants may pick up applications during regular business hours (7:30am to 4:00pm) at the Administration Office, 200 Wilson, Hemlock, MI 48626 or by calling 642-5282 to have an application mailed. Questions regarding Schools of Choice may be referred to the Superintendent, Hemlock Public School District at 642-5282.

Applications are to be returned to Hemlock Public School District, School of Choice Program, P.O. Box 260, 200 Wilson, Hemlock, MI 48626, on or before March 22, 2021 first window/August 9, 2021 second window for first semester and January 17, 2022 for second semester.

