Hemlock Public School District
School Of Choice Application
2020-21

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. 2018-19 and 2019-20.
   
   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 IEPC for a special education student. Parents/guardians are responsible for all transportation of their child to and from Hemlock Public School District.

4. **NONTDISCRIMINATION**
   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, 2020: The school district indicates whether or not it will accept applications.
   - By March 1, 2020: The district publishes grades, schools and special programs for which applications will be accepted.
   - By March 9, 2020: First Window for the 2020-21 school year; Applications available.
   - By March 23, 2020: Last day to accept applications for the first semester program.
   - By April 13, 2020: School accepts or denies applications.
   - By August 3, 2020: Second Window for the 2020-21 school year; Applications available.
   - By August 17, 2020: Last day to accept applications for the first semester program.
   - By January 4, 2021: 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 9 through March 23, 2020 (first window) and August 3 through August 17, 2020 (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 23, 2020 first window/August 17, 2020 second window for first semester and January 18, 2021 for second semester.
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STUDENT’S NAME: ________________________________________________________________

Last First Middle

STUDENT’S ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

____________________________________PHONE________________

CITY: ______________________________ STATE______ ZIP CODE______________________

BIRTHDATE: _____________

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE: ____________________________________________

SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED: _____________________________________________________

GRADE LEVEL 2019-20_________GRADE LEVEL 2020-21 _________________

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT? ___________504 PLAN STUDENT___________

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION IN PAST TWO YEARS? ________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

MOTHER: _________________________ WORK PHONE: _____________________________

FATHER: _________________________ WORK PHONE: _____________________________

GUARDIAN:_______________________ WORK PHONE: _____________________________

STUDENT RESIDING WITH: MOTHER FATHER GUARDIAN BOTH

By signing below, I acknowledge and accept the policies and regulations of Hemlock Public School District’s School of Choice program and state that the information contained in this application is true.

Parent/Guardian’s signature(s) ________________________________________________ Date_________________

____________________________________ Date_________________

Student signature (18 or older) ________________________________________________ Date_________________

Please return application to: Hemlock Public School District, P.O. Box 260, 200 Wilson St, Hemlock, MI 48626.

Application Deadline for second semester: January 18, 2021.