Hemlock Public School District
School Of Choice Application
2025-26

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; Hemlock Virtual 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. 2023-24 and 2024-25.

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. 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 5, 2025	The school district indicates whether or not it will accept applications.
By March 3, 2025	The district publishes grades, schools and special programs for which applications will be accepted.
By March 10, 2025	First Window for the 2025-26 school year; Applications available.
By March 24, 2025	Last day to accept applications for the first semester program.
By April 14, 2025	School accepts or denies applications.
By July 28, 2025	Second Window for the 2025-26 school year; Applications available.
By August 11, 2025	Last day to accept applications for the first semester program.
By January 5, 2026	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 10 through March 24, 2025 (first window) and July 28, 2025 through August 11, 2025 (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. Questions regarding athletics may be referred to the Athletic Director, Hemlock Public School District at 989-642-5287.

9. APPLICATIONS

Nonresident School of Choice applicants may pick up applications during regular business hours (7:30am to 4:00pm) at the Administration Office, 1095 N Hemlock Rd., Hemlock, MI 48626 or by calling 989-642-5282 to have an application mailed. Questions regarding Schools of Choice may be referred to the Superintendent, Hemlock Public School District at 989-642-5282.

Applications are to be returned to Hemlock Public School District, School of Choice Program, P.O. Box 260, 1095 N Hemlock Rd., Hemlock, MI 48626, on or before March 24, 2025 first window/August 11, 2025 second window for first semester and January 19, 2026 for second semester.

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STUDENT'S NAME:

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Last First Middle

STUDENT'S ADDRESS:

_____PHONE_____

CITY: _____ STATE_____ ZIP CODE_____

BIRTHDATE: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE: _____

SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED: _____

GRADE LEVEL 2024-25 _____GRADE LEVEL 2025-26 _____

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, 1095 N Hemlock Rd., Hemlock, MI 48626.
Application Deadline for first semester: March 24, 2025 (first window) August 11, 2025 (second window).
Application Deadline for second semester: January 19, 2026.