

HAMMONTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Choice Parent Information Center

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Hammonton, NJ 08037**

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District grades: Pre-K to 12

Approved Choice grades: K-12

Number of students enrolled in district: 3500

Website: www.hammontonps.org

CHOICE PROGRAM:

The Hammonton Public School District serves the children of Hammonton, Waterford, Folsom and NJ Department of Education Choice students. Parents and community members are encouraged to be involved in many exciting initiatives. The Home School Association and Hammonton Educational Foundation provide a great deal of support.

The district’s many new initiatives include high school classes in technology as well as 21st Century classrooms. Our middle school teachers are highly technology oriented and have revised the curriculum in all subjects. The elementary schools have expanded the language arts, math and science programs. We also have partnerships with colleges/universities, Virtual High School, and we are a recognized leader in the learning communities approach.

Hammonton High School’s Choice program is “Technology Pathways to Success.” This very powerful and exciting program enables students to select special courses that promote 21st Century readiness skills. The areas of specialization include Digital and Architectural Design.

Choice Seats Available for the 2018-2019 School Year

*The purpose of this profile is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline of Dec. 1, 2017. After the deadline, the information will be **outdated**.*

School Name: Hammonton

Specialized Program: HHS Technology Pathways to Success

Maximum number of NEW choice students that can be enrolled: 40

NOTE: Districts may have more seats available than they are approved to accept by the Department of Education; therefore, the seat availability shown below may be greater than the approved maximum number indicated above.

A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD AND A WAITLIST WILL BE DEVELOPED IF MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED.

Grade	Seats availability per grade
Pre-K	0
K	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	10
8	0
9	27
10	2
11	1
12	0

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District Choice Policies	Yes/No
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definition below).	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 sending district (i.e., students who attend a choice district with grades that terminate before 12 th 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 before the application deadline . If resident students move and file choice application 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 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 after 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. <i>If the district has already reached its approved choice enrollment maximum, this special consideration will not apply. No additional choice seats above the maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students.</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 August 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 (2017-2018) 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 resident, 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/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.