



Schools of Choice (SOC) and Tuition-Based Enrollment School Year 2022-23

Harbor Springs Public Schools is pleased to offer enrollment options for students who reside outside of the District boundaries but within the boundaries of the Char-Em Intermediate School District. These options include Schools of Choice and Tuition-Based Enrollment. Both provisions follow the State of Michigan School Code, Harbor Springs Public Schools Board of Education Policy 2001, and Harbor Springs Public Schools Administrative Regulations 2001.

Schools of Choice is offered at the following grade levels for the 2022-23 school year:

Grade	# of Slots
K	8
1	3
2	15
3	6
4	2

Schools of Choice is open to students who reside outside of HSPS but within the boundaries of the Char-Em ISD. There is no cost to be a SOC student. An application must be completed and submitted by June 30. Once accepted as an SOC student, a student is considered an SOC through graduation and attends tuition-free as long as residence is maintained in the ISD or there is no break in enrollment status.

Tuition-Based Enrollment is offered at the following grade levels for the 2022-23 school year:

Grade	# of Slots
5	2
6	2
7	Open*
8	Open*
9	Open*
10	Open*
11	Open*
12	Open*

Tuition-Based Enrollment (TBE) is open to students who reside outside of HSPS but within the boundaries of the Char-Em ISD. There is a tuition fee charged on an annual basis (\$5,000 for the 2022-23 school year). An agreement form must be completed and submitted by August 1. Tuition-Based Agreements are valid for one school year and subject to renewal each year. Students must meet the terms of the agreement to be eligible and remain eligible for TBE.

Q. Do I pay tuition if my children are enrolled under Schools of Choice?

A. *No, students enrolled under Schools of Choice pay no tuition.*

Q. What are the application periods for Schools of Choice and Tuition-Based Enrollment?

A. *Schools of Choice application period ends at 4 PM on June 30, 2022;*

Tuition-Based Enrollment application period ends at 4 PM on August 1, 2022; however late applications may be reviewed at the District's discretion.

- Q.** If I live out of district and have a child that attends Harbor Springs Public Schools on a previous Schools of Choice application, can the younger sibling enroll in kindergarten?
- A.** *Yes, however an application for Schools of Choice must be completed.*
- Q.** If one of my children is enrolled under Schools of Choice, are any of my other children allowed to enroll under Schools of Choice?
- A.** *Only if they are enrolled in a grade level that is open to Schools of Choice and they are accepted. Kindergarten students are also accepted.*
- Q.** If I am a staff member that resides outside of the District, can my child attend Harbor Springs Public Schools?
- A.** *Yes, this is in accordance with State law and District policy. A Schools of Choice application should be filed when the student first enrolls.*
- Q.** If my student was accepted for Schools of Choice either from one of the above conditions or from previous years, do I need to reapply every year or complete a “continuance form”?
- A.** *No. The law states that once a student becomes School of Choice in a district, they can stay until they graduate unless they move out of the district or break attendance in the District.*
- Q.** If my child is a Schools of Choice student but is moving onto a grade level that charges tuition for out-of-district students, do they begin paying tuition?
- A.** *No; once a student is enrolled under Schools of Choice, they do not pay tuition at any grade level through graduation (unless enrollment is broken and they re-enroll under Tuition-Based Enrollment).*
- Q.** If my child is enrolled under Tuition-Based Enrollment, do we need to complete a new agreement form each year?
- A.** *Yes, by August 1.*