



**Harbor Springs
Public Schools**

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Schools of Choice (SOC) and Tuition-Based Enrollment School Year 2023-24

Harbor Springs Public Schools is pleased to offer an enrollment option for students who reside outside of the District boundaries but within the boundaries of the Char-Em Intermediate School District. Although we do not offer Schools of Choice, we do offer a Tuition-Based Enrollment which follows 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 not offered at any grade levels for the 2023-24 school year.

Tuition-Based Enrollment is offered for all grade levels (Kindergarten through 12th grade) for the 2023-24 school year.

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 2023-24 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. What are the application periods for Schools of Choice and Tuition-Based Enrollment?

A. *Schools of Choice application period is not available.*

Tuition-Based Enrollment application period ends at 4 PM on August 1, 2023; 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, they are grandfathered in and 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. *Yes, they are grandfathered in and an application for Schools of Choice must be completed.*

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 enrolled under Tuition-Based Enrollment, do we need to complete a new agreement form each year?

A. *Yes, by August 1.*

