



Hardyston Township School Choice District Profile for 2026-27 School Year

Hardyston
183 Wheatsworth Road
Hamburg, NJ 07419
Sussex County

District grades: PK - 8
Approved choice grades: 3 - 8
Total number of students enrolled in district: 622

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Choice Program

Hardyston school district offers unique benefits to all resident and choice students. Presently, our district offers an extensive program of curricular and extra-curricular activities that enhance the education of our students. Elementary and middle school students benefit from music, chorus and band. Academic experiences include world languages (offered in Grades 1 to 8) STEM (Grades 5 to 8), technology and art. We provide a challenging curriculum for our gifted and talented students and for those students who require remediation. The district also offers an array of afterschool athletics. At the middle school these include; cross-country, track, field hockey, basketball and soccer. Middle school intramural programs include; basketball and floor hockey, and skiing. In addition to seasonal concerts offered to the entire community, our Adventure Theater offers an annual theatrical performance. The elementary school offers gymnastics.

Choice Seats Availability

*The purpose of the chart below is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline on November 24, 2025. After the deadline, the information will be outdated.*

The Department of Education limits the number of choice seats that each district can fill. The “maximum number of new choice students that can be enrolled” indicates how many *new* choice students the district can enroll in the next school year. If more than the maximum number of applications is received, a lottery will be held and a waitlist will be developed. **Waitlists will be developed for all approved choice grades even if no seats are currently available (designated as “Full”). Not Available indicates the district does not accept choice applications for those grades because they are not approved choice grades or are not offered by the district.**

Maximum Number of New Choice Students that can be Enrolled: [#]

Grade	Seat availability per grade
K	n/a
1	n/a
2	n/a
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	n/a
10	n/a
11	n/a
12	n/a

District Choice Policies	Indicate Yes/No/NA
The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definitions of Tier 1 and Tier 2).	
The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants who have a sibling currently attending the choice district and who will continue to attend in the following school year, provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the applicants meet any program-specific criteria.	YES
The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants who have completed the terminal grade of the sending district (i.e., students who attend a choice district with grades that terminate before 12th grade and have a natural progression to this choice district), provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria.	YES
The district gives enrollment preference to resident students who move <i>before the application deadline</i> . If resident students move and file choice applications for the following year prior to the deadline, the district will give them enrollment preference (i.e., accept them after the enrollment preference students described above, but ahead of other applicants), provided 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
The district gives special consideration to resident students who move <i>after</i> 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>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 the maximum amount designated in the Annual Appropriations Act, the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of receiving the transportation and paying the additional amount over the maximum. By August 1, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the *Choice School Transportation Procedures* found on the [Student Transportation webpage](#).

Tier 1 students

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.

Tier 1 students include the following applicants:

- Students who are enrolled in a NJ public school in their resident school district during the time of application and for the entire year immediately preceding enrollment in a choice district.
- A student who moved during the school year and attended their resident district schools.
- Students who attend a choice district that terminates before 12th grade and have reached the final grade.
- Charter school students.
- To qualify as Tier 1 for kindergarten, a student must be attending their resident district preschool, or a student has a sibling attending the choice district in the current year and the sibling will continue to be enrolled in the following year.

Tier 2 students

Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students. If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so after all 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. 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 includes students who have been attending public school outside their districts of residence or private school. Tier 2 students also include students applying for kindergarten who are **not** attending their resident district preschool and do not have a sibling attending the choice district in the current year.