



2026-2027 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

AVAILABLE OPENINGS

Hartford Public School District will be accepting students in all grades, Kindergarten through 12th grade.

- **Section 105:** Student resides within Van Buren County
- **Section 105c:** Student resides within a county which borders Van Buren County
 - Surrounding counties are: Allegan, Berrien, Kalamazoo, or Lewis Cass counties
- **PA227:** Parent or legal guardian is a direct employee of Hartford Public Schools

APPLICATION WINDOW

May 18th, through May 29, 2026, at 3:00 pm

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be notified via email {or USPS if email is not provided} of acceptance and the effective start date or denial. Enrollment information will be provided to accepted applicants. If application is denied, the notification will include the reason for denial.

KEY POINTS

- You do NOT need to reapply every year. Once a student is schools of choice accepted, continuous enrollment ensues through graduation unless they withdraw. If a schools of choice student withdraws and lives outside of Hartford Public School District and later chooses to enroll, they will be required to reapply through the Schools of Choice process. If students move outside their original district while enrolled, a new application must be submitted.
- Accepted students must agree to comply with all Hartford Public School district policies.
- According to Michigan High School Athletic Association [MHSAA], students accepted into the Schools of Choice program whom are in grades 9-12 will NOT be eligible to participate in sports for one semester. Please reach out to the athletic department @ 269-621-7103 for any questions.
- Transportation is NOT provided for Schools of Choice students.
- Students with an Individualized Education Plan [IEP] wishing to enroll under 105c Schools of Choice for whom a written cooperative agreement regarding costs cannot be obtained with their resident district may be denied Schools of Choice.
- Enrollment may also be denied to students who have been suspended, expelled, or convicted of a felony.

HOW TO APPLY

Electronically download or print the Schools of Choice application and complete all information. One application per student must be completed by the student's parent/legal guardian. **You must also attach two proofs of address to your application (i.e. Voter Registration card, Driver's license, utility bill).** Thank you for your understanding. Please email meadm@hpsmi.org; or mail to **Hartford Public Schools, Attention Marilyn Mead, 115 School St., Hartford, MI 49057**

All applications must be received no later than May 29, 2026 at 3:00 pm

CONTACT

For any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at: meadm@hpsmi.org