

Morris Hills Regional District
In-District School Choice Lottery Procedures

Every school year, the Morris Hills Regional District will make up to 15 school choice seats available for domiciled residents of Denville, Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, and Wharton. Parents and students who wish to participate in school choice must submit the online application no later than **February 3rd** (receipt date) of the school year preceding the student's entry into the 9th grade.

School choice procedures are as follows:

- 1) Depending on available space in any given year, up to 15 seats will be available district-wide.
- 2) In order to be eligible to apply to switch schools, **students must first register with the district** and provide proof of residency. Parents/Guardians can register their students for the district [here](#). Students without registration and proof of residency on file prior to the February 3rd deadline will not be considered. **When you register, please select the school indicated by your residence (not the one you want to switch to).**
- 3) Once your registration has been verified by the District Registrar, you will be sent a link to the intra-district lottery application. **Please note that verification of residency may take time; applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the registration process as early as possible.**
- 4) If more students apply for school choice than there are seats available, the Superintendent or his designee will conduct a lottery to determine which students will participate. A ranked waitlist will also be generated in the event that a student selected for the lottery chooses not to participate.
- 5) Students with siblings in the school desired will be given preference for choice.
- 6) Students selected to participate in the intra-district choice program will be notified no later than March 1st of their eighth grade year. Students will have two weeks from the date of their letter to accept or decline their school choice slot.
- 7) Transportation will be provided.
- 8) If fewer applications are received by February 3rd than there are seats available, the remaining seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to incoming freshmen until September 30th of their freshman year. After September 30th, those seats will no longer be available.
- 9) Students who participate in this choice program, once matriculated at their new school, may not return to the high school designated by their residence.
- 10) Students participating in school choice will become students of their choice school, including all activities, classes, and athletics.
- 11) Certain programs in special education (LLD, MD, Flex) are only available at Morris Knolls. The ESL program and the AVID Program are only available at Morris Hills.
- 12) Students who have been accepted to the Magnet Program may apply for the School Choice Lottery; however, there is no guarantee that a space in the Magnet Program will be available at their choice school.
- 13) Students who withdraw from the district and return at a later date forfeit their in-district choice seat; if they re-register in the district, it will be at the school designated by their residence.