

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Choice District Profile for 2025-26 School Year

Holland Township School
714 Milford Warren Glen Road
Milford, NJ 08848
Hunterdon

Choice parent information center phone number:
908-995-2401 x6312

Name of program contact: Lina Delasey

District grades: Pre-K through Eight
Approved choice grades: K-8

Phone number & email of program contact:
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Total number of students enrolled in district: 531

Website: www.hollandschool.org

Choice Program

The Holland Township School District provides a comprehensive educational program for approximately 531 students from Pre- K through Eighth Grade that includes a full day Kindergarten program.

In Kindergarten through fourth grade, we offer an integrated, balanced literacy program with ongoing assessments to target the individual needs of our students in self-contained classes with an average class size of 17 students.

Fifth grade is a transitional year for students as they make an adjustment from a self-contained classroom to grade-level teams. Our sixth through eighth grade-level teams provide students with departmentalized instruction and design integrated units incorporating differentiated learning activities to focus on the strengths of each student. Students with special needs receive services using an inclusive model combining the expertise of special education teachers with highly qualified content area teachers.

We believe that technology is most beneficial when integrated into the instruction program. We have a fully automated library/media center. Classrooms are equipped with Smart Boards and wireless technology. The district has a 1:1 computer program (Chromebooks) for grades 1-8. iPad carts also support the infusion of technology in the classroom in grades K.

Our district is committed to service learning providing our students with the opportunity to be active citizens in supporting their local community, country, and world. Service learning projects begin at the primary level and continue through middle school.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities beyond the school day. Extracurricular sports include: Cross Country, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball. Extensions of the core subjects are: Band, Chorus, Spanish, Enrichment, Science Club, and Drama Club. Student Council also provides special activities to foster student leadership.

Choice Seats Availability

The purpose of the chart below is to inform parents of choice seat availability **before** the application deadline on November 25, 2024. 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” tells parents 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.

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Waitlists will be developed for all approved choice grades even if no seats are currently available. NA indicates the district is not accepting choice applications for those grades.

Maximum Number of New Choice Students that can be Enrolled: 1

| Grade | Seat availability per grade |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| K | Available |
| 1 | Available |
| 2 | Available |
| 3 | Available |
| 4 | Available |
| 5 | Available |
| 6 | Available |
| 7 | Available |
| 8 | Available |

| District Choice Policies | |
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| a. The district accepts Tier 2 students (see definitions of Tier 1 and Tier 2). | Yes |
| b. The district gives enrollment preference to choice applicants who have a sibling currently attending the choice district, provided there are choice seats available in the choice-approved grades/programs and the students meet any program-specific criteria. | Yes |
| c. 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. | Not Applicable |
| d. 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 in b. and c. 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 |
| e. 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. No additional choice seats above the maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students. | 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 Aug. 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](#).

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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.