

## Why choose MHRD?

- Over 200 courses in academic and specialty areas such as art, music, business, technology, and vocational fields
- 27 AP, 18 IB, and 27 honors courses
- 3 options for high-achieving students: AP, IB, and Magnet programs
- First school in NJ to adopt the AOPA's Aviation curriculum
- Thriving Gifted & Talented/Independent Study Program
- Dual enrollment opportunities through FDU and NJIT
- 88% of students attend college after graduation
- Experienced teachers: 16 years experience on average
- 27 Varsity Sports
- Extensive Extra-Curricular and Community Service opportunities for students

## Application Process/Timelines:

1. Fill out the Intent to Participate form by November 17th and the MHRD School Choice Application and submit, along with IEP or 504 documents (if applicable) by December 1st. The application is filled out online.
2. Submit Supplemental Forms and records for the Magnet or IB Programs by December 1st (also done online). Students applying to Magnet or IB program will also take an admissions test; applicants will have the opportunity to select a test date when they fill out the application.
3. An admissions review/lottery will be conducted and acceptance letters sent out by December 21st.
4. If you are accepted and wish to attend, you must submit the "Intent to Enroll" form by January 5th.
5. MHRD will contact your home district to assist you in making transportation arrangements.

## Additional Questions?

Visit our website at [www.mhrd.org](http://www.mhrd.org) and click on "School Choice Programs"

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## School Choice Program 2024-2025

## Morris Hills Regional District



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## What is School Choice ?

In 2010, Governor Christie signed into law the School Choice Act, which permits public school students to attend public schools outside their resident



district. Morris Hills Regional District was approved to accept students from out of district in 2011.

Students who have attended their local public school for the entire prior academic year are eligible to apply for School Choice. Parochial and private school students, homeschooled students, and students attending other Choice districts may be considered, depending upon space availability after eligible public school students.

Students who live within 20 miles of Morris Hills Regional may obtain **either** transportation **or** aid-in-lieu from their resident district. Transportation is not guaranteed. Parents are solely responsible for transporting students who live over 20 miles from Morris Hills Regional.

There are no tuition costs associated with School Choice.

## What Options Do I Have for School Choice at MHRD?

There are four available programs for School Choice: the General High School Program, the Aviation Program, the Math and Science Magnet Program, and the International Baccalaureate Program (IB).

The General High School Program is our traditional high school program, with over 200 course offerings, including honors and Advanced Placement, art, business, computer science, all academic areas, and 3 world languages. Students specifically interested in our 3-year elective sequence in Aviation, resulting in industry credentials, should opt for our Aviation Program. Academic achievement is not a factor in school choice admission to these programs.; however, an essay is required for Aviation.

The Math & Science Magnet Program is a specialized four-year program for high-achieving students who are interested in applied mathematics and scientific research. Students must successfully complete Algebra I in the 8th grade and participate in a competitive admissions process in order to be eligible for admission. The Magnet Program is housed at both Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High Schools. Students will be assigned a high school based on availability.

The IB Program is an internationally recognized advanced course of study for motivated students who have an interest in global affairs, writing, and interdisciplinary studies. The program requires students to take courses in 6 core areas, complete an extended essay, and 150 hours of community service. It is highly recommended that students complete Algebra I and Level 1 of a world language in 8th grade. Students must participate in a competitive admissions process in order to be eligible for admission. The IB Program is housed at Morris Knolls High School.

## About our District

Morris Hills Regional is a 9-12 district consisting of two high schools, Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High Schools, with a total population of 3,000 students from Denville, Rockaway Borough, and Rockaway Township. The two high schools share both teaching staff and curricula and rank in the top 85 high schools in New Jersey, according to *NJ Monthly* magazine. Morris Hills Regional was also awarded a spot on the College Board's 2018 AP District Honor Roll for access, equity, and excellence, one of only 373 districts selected for this award in the U.S. and Canada. The district also includes an Adult High School and houses the Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering and the Academy for the Performing Arts, run by Morris County Vocational-Technical Schools.

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## Transportation

Transportation is **not guaranteed** and is the sole responsibility of the resident district. Students will not be notified about transportation until August 1st. The Morris Hills Regional District will allow choice students to ride its buses for a nominal fee, provided that the parent/guardian pick up and drop off the student at an existing bus stop. Applications for this option are available on the School Choice website.