

Sterling High School

501 S. Warwick Road
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Interdistrict Public School Choice Application for Enrollment in a Choice District 2024-2025 School Year

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On time application Late application

Tier 1 Tier 2

Grade Applied For in 2024-2025: _____

Enrollment Preferences granted:

Sibling(s) in Choice District (Sibling Grade in 2023-2024: _____)

Applicant from a choice district that terminates before grade 12

Resident student who moved

Lottery # (if applicable): _____

To be completed by the parent or legal guardian:

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of student applicant: _____

Student's street address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Parent's work number: _____

Parent's email: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Student's grade level for the 2023-2024 school year: _____

Student's District of Residence: _____

Resident High School: _____

School currently attending: _____

Is this the student's resident public school (includes charter schools)? YES NO

➤ If YES, answer the following questions:

➤ Has the student been enrolled since the start of the 2023-2024 school year? YES NO

➤ If the student moved during the school year and *attended the resident public school of his/her old district of residence*, provide:

» Name of previous district of residence: _____

» Name of previous school attended: _____

» Date moved from previous school: _____

» Date enrolled in current school: _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Grade level to which the student is applying for admission for the 2024-2025 school year: _____

Has the student been referred or is in the process of being referred for special education services? YES NO

If YES, attach any documentation, i.e. IEP (Special Education Plan) or 504 (Accommodation Plan)

NOTE: If, prior to the start of the enrollment year, the student receives an IEP that the choice district cannot implement, acceptance into the program could be revoked.

Does the student have a sibling enrolled in this choice district? YES NO

Sibling's name: _____ Sibling's grade in 2023-2024: _____

Is the applicant a former resident student who moved *before* the application deadline? YES NO

Is the applicant a former resident student who moved *after* the application deadline? YES NO

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Student Enrollment Policies

Tier 1 students are 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. If a student moved during the school year and attended the resident public school of his/her old district of residence, he/she is also considered Tier 1. 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. Charter school students are considered to be Tier 1. To qualify as Tier 1 for kindergarten, a student must be attending a state-funded preschool in his or her resident district or a student resides in a district that does not offer a state-funded preschool program or a student has a sibling currently attending the choice district. Most students applying for kindergarten are in Tier 1.

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 would include students who have been attending public school outside their districts of residence or private school.

Choice districts are not obligated to accept Tier 2 students. If a choice district accepts Tier 2 applicants, they may do so *only 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.

Enrollment preference may be given to students in the following circumstances: 1) applicants with siblings enrolled in the choice district; 2) applicants who will have completed the terminal grade of a sending choice district (i.e., students who attend a choice district with grades that terminate before 12th grade and with a natural progression to the choice district); and 3) resident students of the choice district who move during the school year but *before the application deadline* and want to remain in the choice district the following year. Your student's enrollment preference status will be determined from the information you provide in this application.

The [Sterling High School District](#) has adopted the following policies regarding student enrollment:

District Choice Policies	Does Policy Apply?
a. The district accepts Tier 2 students.	Yes
b. The district gives enrollment preference to students who have a sibling currently attending the choice district, provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program, they meet any program-specific criteria, and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	Yes
c. The district gives enrollment preference to choice students 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 with a natural progression to this choice district), provided they will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program, they meet any program-specific criteria and the district has seats available in the desired grades.	Yes
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 ahead of other applicants, but after the enrollment preference students described in b. and c. above), 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 <i>front of the district's waitlist</i> , provided the students will enroll in a choice-approved grade/program and they meet any program-specific criteria. No additional choice seats above the approved maximum will be approved by the NJDOE to accommodate these students.	Yes

SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM:

Check ONE of the following programs that your student intends to participate in:

- Allied Health & Health Science
- Broadcast Journalism/TV Production
- Early Childhood Education
- Graphic Design in Multi-Media Technology
- Naval Junior ROTC (*can be selected individually or in addition to another program*)

If any information on this application is proven to be falsified, the student’s admission to the Choice Program could be revoked.

By my signature I certify that I am applying for my student’s admission to the Choice district for academic reasons only and not for athletic or extracurricular reasons and that all of the information I have provided is accurate. If my student has a current IEP or 504 Plan, I hereby give permission to the Child Study Team of this choice district to release and/or obtain information on behalf of my student.

I understand that transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. If my student is eligible for transportation (within 20 miles from home to school) and the cost will exceed the maximum amount designated in the annual NJ State budget, 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. I will be notified of my transportation options by August 1, 2024.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Printed name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Application is due to the Choice District by December 1, 2023
**Applications received after the deadline will be considered for enrollment only after those who applied before the deadline.*

**Notice of Intent to Participate
in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program
in the 2024-2025 School Year**

Date: _____

**To the Superintendent/Chief School Administrator of Student's Sending/Resident District
From the Choice Application Parent or Guardian**

Deadline: Submit to the student's sending/resident district by 11/17/2023

As Parent/Legal Guardian of the student named below, I am submitting this written notification of my student's intent to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program (enrollment in September 2024). If my child is accepted into a choice program, my child's resident district will be notified of such by the choice district **by January 12, 2024**, or when enrollment is confirmed. *This form requires no response from the resident district, but parents should request a signed and dated receipt for confirmation of submission.*

Notes to Resident District

The purpose of this form is to give the resident district advance notice of the student's intent to apply to a choice district for enrollment in 2024-2025.

Subsequently, if the student is accepted into a choice program, the resident district must be notified by the choice district by **January 12, 2024**. There may be cases where the choice district accepts late choice student applications. In these cases, the resident district will be notified as soon as the choice student confirms enrollment.

Transportation of choice students will be the responsibility of the *resident district*, provided the student meets the eligibility requirements of state law and the choice district school is within 20 miles of the student's residence. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

Notes to Parents Regarding Transportation

Transportation of choice students is not guaranteed. Your student must meet the eligibility requirements: the school must be within 20 miles of your student's residence. If the cost of transportation will exceed the maximum amount established in the Annual Appropriations Act, the parent/guardian will be given aid in lieu of transportation and, in some cases, the option of paying the additional amount over the maximum to receive the transportation. By August 1, 2024, parents should receive notification of their transportation options from the resident district. For more information, read the [Transportation Procedures](#) for choice students.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Current School: _____

Current grade: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

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School Choice Application – Student Qualities Form Instructions

Using the Student Qualities Form provided, please grade the student on the leadership, service, and character qualities that you have observed. You may make comments freely, both pro and con, for the qualities of character, leadership, and service alone. Please consider the following criteria for your scoring of student qualities:

➤ LEADERSHIP

- Resourceful in proposing solutions and offering creative suggestions
- Exemplifies a positive attitude and inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility
- Demonstrates reliability and dependability
- A leader in the classroom and in other school or community activities

➤ SERVICE

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Willing to represent the class or school in inter-scholastic competition
- Participates on committees and contributes work with no complaints
- Shows courtesy by assisting teachers, staff, and students
- Participates in service activities outside of school (ex. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, community groups, and/or volunteer services for the elderly, poor, disadvantaged, etc.)

➤ CHARACTER

- Open to accepting constructive criticism and/or recommendations
- Complies with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instruction and rules inside and outside of the classroom
- Demonstrates concentration and self-discipline as shown by application to studies

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED QUALITIES FORM TO THE STUDENT, PARENT/GUARDIAN, OR SEND TO:

Mrs. Erin Dever
School Choice Secretary
Sterling High School
501 S. Warwick Road
Somerdale, NJ 08083
edevery@sterling.k12.nj.us
Phone: (856) 784-1334
Fax: (856) 627-9687

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School Choice Application - Student Qualities Form #1

Student Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Association with Student: _____ Email: _____

Please score the student's qualities using the grading system below and provide brief remarks for each score.

- 3 = Student meets all (100%) of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**
- 2 = Student meets most (75%), but not all, of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**
- 1 = Student does not meet most of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**

LEADERSHIP SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

SERVICE SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

CHARACTER SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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School Choice Application - Student Qualities Form #2

Student Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Association with Student: _____ Email: _____

Please score the student's qualities using the grading system below and provide brief remarks for each score.

- 3 = Student meets all (100%) of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**
- 2 = Student meets most (75%), but not all, of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**
- 1 = Student does not meet most of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**

LEADERSHIP SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

SERVICE SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

CHARACTER SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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School Choice Program - Student Qualities Form #3

Student Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Association with Student: _____ Email: _____

Please score the student's qualities using the grading system below and provide brief remarks for each score.

- 3 = Student meets all (100%) of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**
- 2 = Student meets most (75%), but not all, of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**
- 1 = Student does not meet most of the criteria for admission into the Choice Program**

LEADERSHIP SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

SERVICE SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

CHARACTER SCORE: _____

Remarks: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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GUIDANCE OFFICE

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STUDENT RECORD RELEASE FORM

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Current School: _____

Address of Current School: _____

The above-named student has applied to the 2024-2025 School Choice Program at Sterling High School. At your earliest convenience, please **EMAIL** or **FAX** the following records in support of this student's application:

- 1st Marking Period Report Card for 2023-2024
- Final Report Card for 2022-2023
- Student attendance reports
- Standardized test scores
- Transcript (for students in Grade 9-12)
- IF APPLICABLE: IEP or 504 Plan

Permanent records will be requested at the end of the current school year if the student enrolls with Sterling High School as a School Choice student. We sincerely appreciate your prompt attention to this request for records.

PLEASE FORWARD THE REQUESTED STUDENT RECORDS TO:

Erin Dever, Guidance Secretary

edever@sterling.k12.nj.us

FAX: (856) 627-9687

I hereby give permission to Sterling High School to secure and/or release student records from and to whomever the professional staff considers would be in the best interest of my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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