

Salem Public Schools

Non-Resident School Choice Application

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Background

On May 6, 2019, the Salem School Committee voted to participate in the state's Inter-District School Choice Program (see MGL Chapter 76, Section 12B). The program allows parents/guardians to enroll their child in a school district that is not the child's home district. Local school districts determine, via an annual vote, which grade levels and how many seats will be available. For the 2019-20 school year, Salem will accept and enroll up to thirty (30) non-resident students under the following parameters:

- Up to twenty (20) non-resident students who will be entering the ninth (9th) grade will be accepted at Salem High School (SHS). To learn more about SHS visit: <https://spssalemhs.salemk12.org/>
- Up to ten (10) non-resident students who will be entering any high school grade level (9-12) will be accepted at the New Liberty Innovation School (NLIS). To learn more about NLIS visit: <https://nlis.salemk12.org/>

Please note that bus transportation is not provided to students who choice-in from other districts unless otherwise required by law or via a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Instructions to Apply

There are two steps to apply to attend SPS as a non-resident student:

1. **School Choice Application and Lottery - Deadline is Friday 8/2/19.** To apply, interested non-resident students/families must complete the enclosed school choice application and submit it to the Parent Information Center (PIC) **by Friday August 2, 2019**. Completed applications may be submitted via fax to (978) 740-1176, scan and email to pic@salemk12.org, mailed, or dropped off in person to the PIC at Collins Middle School, Room 121, 29 Highland Avenue, Salem, MA 01915. If more students apply than there are spaces available, an admissions lottery will be held on Monday August 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Collins Middle School.
2. **Student Registration and Enrollment.** Once accepted into the School Choice Program, parents/guardians **must then complete all required student registration and enrollment forms, submitting all required documentation.** Students will not be enrolled until all required documentation has been submitted. Copies of the registration forms, including packets translated into Spanish and Portuguese can be found at: http://salemk12.org/Pages/SPS_DistParentRes/kregistration.

Upon completion of all required enrollment documentation, the PIC staff will help set up an appointment with the SHS College and Career Readiness Center staff (formerly the SHS Guidance office) and/or the NLIS Registration Specialist. Here, staff members will review and discuss course history with you and work with you to set up your school schedule for the upcoming school year.

Questions and More Information

For questions regarding the school choice program in Salem, please contact the Parent Information Center (PIC) at 978-740-1225 or visit our website at:

http://www.salemk12.org/families/student_enrollment.

2019-20 SALEM SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION

Grade Level for 2019-20: _____

Date of Application: _____

SPS will accept up to 20 students entering the 9th Gr for 2019-20

NLIS will accept up to 10 students entering Gr 9-12 for 2019-20

Student & Parent Information

Student Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Date of Birth: _____ Do you have a sibling in a Salem school? Yes No

Name of School Last Attended: _____
School Name City/Town

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____
Street City/Town of Residence State/Zip

Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Home phone/Cell Phone

School Choice Rationale

Please share why you wish to enroll your child in the Salem Public Schools? _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date