

Capitol Region Choice Program 2005-2006 Information

The Capitol Region Choice Program is a part of the statewide Open Choice program that allows urban students to attend public schools in nearby suburban towns and suburban students to attend public schools in Hartford.

The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) is one of four agencies in the state that manages the Open Choice program for the Hartford region. The other three agencies service the cities of Bridgeport, New Haven and New London.

The Capitol Region **Choice Program** will enter its 8th year in 2005-2006. In the current school year 2004-2005 over 1000 students in the Hartford region participate in Choice. The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) will continue its responsibilities for the Choice Program as assigned by the existing legislation.

- Students currently enrolled in the Choice program who wish to continue may do so without re-applying for the 2005-2006 school year. The law provides that siblings of current students living in the same household and students who attend a school that has been identified as “in need of improvement” pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act must be given preference in placements. However, placement is determined by lottery and by the number of seats received from the districts. Students must remain in the district where placed until graduation from high school or withdrawal from the Choice Program.
- Participation in the Choice Program is voluntary.
- All children who are residents of Hartford and attending a Hartford Public School are eligible to participate in the application process.
- Families who have not been selected by the end of June will be placed on a waiting list. All wait list applicants will need to reapply for the following school year.
- School bus transportation is provided by CREC through contractual service for children attending schools outside of Hartford.
- CREC will not provide school bus transportation for students who attend Hartford schools from suburban towns; however, if your child is attending elementary school, parents are reimbursed at the end of the school year for transporting their children. City transit fare cards will be provided for high school students attending schools in Newington, West Hartford and Windsor districts. (Students attending Windsor Middle School and King Phillip Middle School in West Hartford also receive fare cards)
- When making a decision to participate in the Choice Program, the following should be considered:
 - A change of school will require that your child adjust to new surroundings and new classmates.
 - Bus rides may be lengthy.
 - Parent involvement is a crucial part of this program for the success of your child.
 - Your application only guarantees your child a space in the lottery. Applications must be completed and submitted before the deadline in order to be considered.
 - It is important to think through both the advantages and disadvantages when considering participation in the program for you and your child. Again, application and acceptance of placement are voluntary.
 - When your child is placed in a district that specific placement will be the designated space for your child. The Choice Program is unable to transfer your child to another district.
 - If you decide to move out of Hartford, your child will no longer be eligible for the Choice Program.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the Capitol Region Choice Program, you must complete and return the application before the deadline. Only completed and timely applications will be processed.

Suburban Applicants. There is a limited number of new seats available in designated Hartford schools (Burns, McDonough and Maria Sánchez).

The continuation of the Capitol Region Choice Program is dependent upon continued funding by the Connecticut General Assembly.



Capitol Region Education Council

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**CAPITOL REGION CHOICE PROGRAM
FAMILY APPLICATION 2005-2006**
Enacting PA 97-290 (Choice)

Please Select Only One	
I. SIBLINGS (you must have another child currently enrolled in the Choice Program)	II. NEW STUDENTS (child must be currently attending a Hartford Public School)

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WEB APPLICATION

The Capitol Region Choice Program is an Opportunity for Parents in the Hartford Region to Exercise Choice in the Education of their Children.

Personal Information	Please Print
Parent/Guardian _____	
Home Address _____	Apt.# _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone () _____ <i>(Mother)</i>	Other (Cell#) () _____ <i>(Father)</i>
Business Phone () _____	Business Phone () _____
E-mail Address _____	Home Language(S) _____

Is your child currently receiving special education services? Yes No

If yes, indicate which child and type of service (Copy of the IEP is needed if selected for interview.)

If no, has your child received special education services in the past? Yes No

If yes, please indicate which child, type of service and grade? _____

(I) SIBLINGS OF CURRENT CHOICE PROGRAM STUDENTS ONLY – Completed application for SIBLINGS must be received or postmarked **by Monday, February 7, 2005** to be considered. SIBLINGS MUST BE LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD and Proof of guardianship is required at Choice registration.

Student(s) Name	Current School & Grade	D.O.B.	*Race	Male Female	IEP ✓
1.		M D Y			
2.		M D Y			
3.		M D Y			

*Race |01| American Indian; |02| Asian; |03| Black; |04| White; |05| Hispanic /Latino (This is a federal requirement.)

Name(s) of student(s) from your family currently in the Choice Program (2004-2005)

- _____ Suburban School _____
- _____ Suburban School _____
- _____ Suburban School _____

(II) NEW STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SUBURBAN SCHOOLS ONLY – Completed application must be received or postmarked **by Monday, March 7, 2005** to be considered.

Student(s) Name	Current School & Grade	D.O.B.	*Race	Male Female	IEP ✓
1.		M D Y			
2.		M D Y			
3.		M D Y			

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For KINDERGARTEN students only

EARLY BEGINNINGS CHOICE PROJECT

Questions for Students Entering Kindergarten in 2005

Did your child go to preschool?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>					
What was the name of the program?	_____								
How many years did your child attend preschool?	1	2	3	4					
How many days per week?	1	2	3	4	5				
How many hours per day?	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Important Note: All fields must be completed in order for your application to be processed. Selected families are contacted by phone. Please be sure to inform us of any changes in your contact information.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For more information please call (860) 524-4010.

Completed application form must be returned to:

**Capitol Region Choice Program
34 Sequassen St. Suite 253
Hartford, CT 06106**

For Office Use Only	
Application Received	___/___/___
Application Entered	___/___/___
Application Status	_____



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**CHOICE PROGRAM
SUBURBAN APPLICANTS 2005-2006**

Enacting PA 97-290 (Choice)

The Choice Program continues to accept applications for suburban students who wish to attend Hartford Public Schools. There is limited number of new seats available in designated Hartford Public Schools (Burns, María Sánchez, and McDonough).

SUBURBAN STUDENTS APPLYING FOR HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Closing Date 5/13/05

Student(s) Name	Current School & Grade	D.O.B.	Race	Ethnicity	Male/Female	IEP <input type="checkbox"/>
1.		M D Y				
2.		M D Y				
3.		M D Y				

Please ✓ one of the Hartford School Programs for which you wish to apply. (You can only choose from the Hartford schools listed below)

HARTFORD PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
<input type="checkbox"/> Burns School <input type="checkbox"/> McDonough School <input type="checkbox"/> María Sánchez School

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

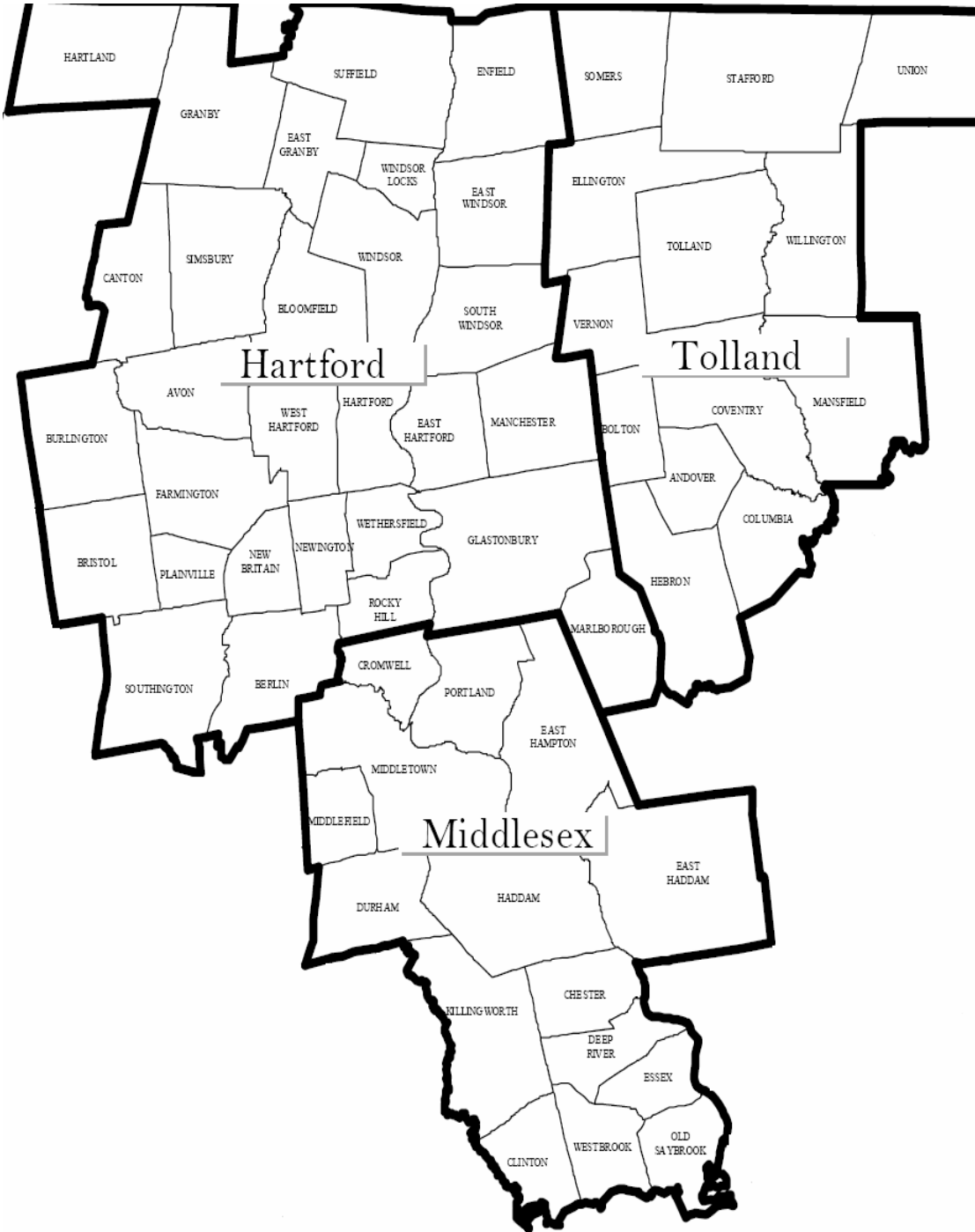
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Hartford, Tolland and Middlesex
Participating Districts



Participating Districts

- Avon**
- Berlin**
- Bolton**
- Bristol**
- Canton**
- Cromwell**
- East Granby**
- East Windsor**
- Ellington**
- Enfield**
- Farmington**
- Glastonbury**
- Granby**
- Hartford**
- Manchester**
- New Britain**
- Newington**
- Plainville**
- Portland**
- Region #10**
- Rocky Hill**
- Simsbury**
- Somers**
- Southington**
- South Windsor**
- Suffield**
- Vernon**
- West Hartford**
- Wethersfield**
- Windsor**
- Windsor Locks**

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