

Greetings Families-

The Avalon Stone Harbor Schools are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year for our Pre-K3 through eighth grade programs.

The Avalon and Stone Harbor School districts are two independent public school districts, each with their own school board. Through a series of Interlocal Agreements, the two districts share many staff members and services. Students attend the Avalon Elementary School for grades Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and grades 5-8. Students in grades K-4 attend Stone Harbor Elementary School. Both schools work cooperatively to ensure continuity of programs and smooth transitions for students.

The Avalon Stone Harbor Schools also accept nonresident students on a tuition basis. Nonresident students must apply and are admitted to the district in grade levels where space is available based on eligibility criteria. Once enrolled, the students do not need to reapply in subsequent years. Siblings of currently enrolled students are given preference in the enrollment process.

Our Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 programs are full day and each class has both a teacher and a paraprofessional. Hot lunch can be purchased daily and students receive special area instruction including music, art, physical education, Spanish, etc. with a NJ certified teacher. There is a daily rest time, along with outdoor gross motor activities and center based learning with the Creative Curriculum.

Our K-8 programs include a full academic schedule of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Students also participate in specials daily including art, health, library, music, physical education, Spanish, and technology. A wide range of sports and extra-curricular activities including cross country, basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading, art club, band, drama, choir, Makerspace, and student council are available to give students a well rounded experience.

The Avalon Stone Harbor Schools provide a small, community based team of learners with a top notch staff. Students are treated as individuals and allowed to discover and grow their unique talents and interests. Call today to schedule a tour of the facilities and meet with the building administrator.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Fox

Chief School Administrator

Nonresident Program FAQs

Q: Are there any criteria for admission?

A: Yes. Nonresident students will be admitted to the district's general education programs only. If after reviewing a student's record, the Chief School Administrator determines the district's programs are not sufficient to meet the applicant's needs, admission will be denied. In certain circumstances, the applicant may be enrolled and the cost of any additional services or programs paid by the parent.

Q: Will transportation be provided for my nonresident student?

A: No. It is the parent's responsibility to transport the student.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of accepted students?

A: Yes. The number of seats available in any grade level will be determined based on a maximum class size and current enrollments. If there are more applicants than there are seats, a wait list will be generated for the upcoming school year via lottery.

Q: Are siblings given preference in the enrollment process?

A: Yes, based upon seat availability. Siblings of currently enrolled students are given preference over other nonresident applicants. These siblings must meet all entry criteria and must apply before the April 30 deadline to be given preference.

Q: Will my nonresident student be able to participate in athletic and extracurricular opportunities offered in the Avalon Stone Harbor Schools?

A: Yes. Once enrolled, a nonresident student is afforded the same opportunities for athletics, academic, and extracurricular programs as a resident student. This sometimes also includes participation in Avalon and Stone Harbor recreation sports and programs.

Q: Once enrolled, will my child be automatically guaranteed a spot in each subsequent year or do I need to reapply?

A: Once a student is enrolled in the Avalon Stone Harbor Schools, it is assumed they will continue in the tuition program through their 8th grade year. The Board reserves the right to dismiss any nonresident student based on academic, attendance, or discipline issues or for failure to pay tuition in a timely manner as per Board Policy 5118.

Q: What is the tuition? How is it paid?

A: Tuition rates are determined annually and approved by the Board. Tuition may be paid in one lump sum for the year or through a series of 10 payments with the first payment due on August 1 and the final payment due on May 1. There is also a \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee for all newly enrolled families due July 1, 2024 to hold your child's seat.

2024-2025	Per Child
Pre-K 3 and 4 Year Olds	\$5,500
K-8 Students	\$3,000