

# East Lansing Public Schools Schools of Choice 2024-25

## How Many Students Can ELPS Accept for 2024-2025?

Our current enrollment and staffing levels allow East Lansing Public Schools to accept students at the following grade levels:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Number of Spots Available</b>
Young Five/Kindergarten	20
First Grade	18
Second Grade	2
Third Grade	14
Fourth Grade	25
Fifth Grade	13
Sixth Grade	16
Seventh Grade	10
Eighth Grade	2
Ninth Grade	3
Tenth Grade	7
Eleventh Grade	7
Twelfth Grade	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>

## How Do I Apply?

Beginning June 3, 2024, you may download an application from this [site](#) or obtain an application from our administrative office. Applications are only available during the application period – **June 3 through June 17, 2024, at 4:00 pm.** If you are seeking to enroll more than one student, you will need to complete a separate application for each student. In completing your application, you are assuring us that you live within the Ingham Intermediate School District boundaries or a contiguous intermediate school district. An application is not complete without a signed statement from prior schools verifying no prior suspensions or expulsions. *This does not apply to Y5 or K applications.*

The application and release of information must be received at our administrative office by the deadline, **June 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.** to be considered. They can be returned via:

**Email:**

[schoolsofchoice@elps.us](mailto:schoolsofchoice@elps.us)

Please use the subject: **Schools of Choice 2024-25.** You will receive a confirmation email.

**Mail:**

Kelly Hocquard – Schools of Choice  
East Lansing Public Schools  
501 Burcham Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48823

**Fax:**  
517-333-7470

We recommend that you follow up to ensure that we received the application.

## **How Do I Enroll My Child?**

By law, school districts must hold a lottery if the district receives more applications than spaces available. The lottery will take place at the end of June. In early July, selected students will receive a notification letter indicating the building assignment and enrollment instructions. Families need to enroll before July 31, 2024, to secure the SOC spot. Those not selected for an advertised spot are drawn for the waitlist.

## **Transportation and Attendance**

Transportation to and from our district is the responsibility of the family. Students must arrive in time to begin instructional activities at the start of the school day and must be picked up or have other arrangements once the school day has ended.

Families must ensure the student maintains good-standing attendance.

## **Before and After School Care Programs**

The City of East Lansing Recreation and Arts Department operates before and aftercare programs. To obtain information about their program please call 517-319-6978 or visit their website at [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com) "parks, recreation and arts."

## **Why Schools of Choice?**

East Lansing Public Schools (ELPS) has been a Schools of Choice district since the Michigan legislature created the program in 1996. Why? Because we believe, families should have options for their children, and the Schools of Choice plan provides exciting opportunities.

ELPS with its tradition of leadership and excellence provides the educational opportunities parents are seeking.

We believe:

- Students' needs and interests are core to all decisions and actions;
- We must inspire a passion for lifelong learning;
- High expectations in teaching and learning result in personal and academic excellence;
- Diversity is affirmed by integrating the uniqueness of every child into our learning community;
- In providing equitable access to opportunities and resources for students;
- In engaging the entire community to create a trusting, safe, welcoming learning environment;
- In building world citizens.

## **We Want You to Be Involved!**

Getting involved in your child's education is a fantastic way to support their academic journey and contribute positively to their school community. Here are some common ways you can get involved:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Many schools offer volunteer programs where families and community members can contribute their time and skills. Volunteer opportunities can vary widely and may include helping out in classrooms, assisting with school events and activities, organizing fundraisers, chaperoning field trips, or serving on school council committees.
2. **Submitting a Volunteer Form:** If you're interested in volunteering at your child's school, you'll need to complete a [volunteer form](#).
3. **Participating in Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are valuable opportunities to discuss your child's progress, academic performance, and any concerns you may have with their teacher. These conferences are held at specific times throughout the school year, and you will have the chance to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher to discuss their strengths, areas for improvement, and strategies for support.
4. **Joining Building Community Councils:** Community Councils play a crucial role in supporting schools by organizing events, fundraisers, and initiatives that benefit students and enhance the learning environment. Joining your school's council allows you to collaborate with other families, teachers, and administrators to make positive changes and improvements within the school community.
5. **Attending School Events and Meetings:** Stay informed and engaged by attending school events, such as open houses and back-to-school nights. These events provide valuable opportunities to connect with school staff, learn about important policies and procedures, and engage with other families.
6. **Supporting Homework and Learning at Home:** Take an active interest in your child's education by helping them with homework, encouraging reading and other educational activities at home, and staying informed about their academic progress and achievements.
7. **Communicating with Teachers and School Staff:** Establish open lines of communication with your child's teachers and school staff. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or ideas for how to support your child's learning journey.

By actively participating in your child's education, you not only support their academic success but also contribute to a positive and supportive school community.

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District staff will be happy to answer your questions. Do not hesitate to get in touch with Kelly Hocquard – at 517-333-7424 or by email at [kelly.hocquard@elps.us](mailto:kelly.hocquard@elps.us).