

East Lansing Public Schools Schools of Choice 2023-24

How Many Students Can ELPS Accept for 2023-2024?

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

Grade Level	Number of Slots Available
Young Five/Kindergarten	16
First Grade	3
Second Grade	6
Third Grade	12
Fourth Grade	3
Fifth Grade	17
Sixth Grade	10
Seventh Grade	0
Eighth Grade	0
Ninth Grade	5
Total	72

There are no openings for grades 10 – 12.

How Do I Apply?

Beginning June 1, 2023, you may download an application from this site or you may obtain an application from our administrative office. Applications are only available during the application period – **June 1 through June 15, 2023**. 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. A signed statement from prior schools verifying no prior suspensions or expulsions must accompany each application.

Applications and release of information must be received at our administrative office by the deadline, **June 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

You may mail applications to:
Kelly Hocquard – Schools of Choice
East Lansing Public Schools
501 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823

You may scan and email applications to:
schoolsofchoice@elps.us

(Please use the subject: **Schools of Choice**. A confirmation email will be sent)

You may fax applications to:
517-333-7470

(If you mail or fax the application, we recommend that you follow up with a phone call, 517-333-7424, to make sure the application was received)

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE INFORMATION

How Do I Enroll My Child?

By law, school districts must hold a lottery if more applications are received than spaces available. Notification letters will be mailed to families by the end of the first week in July. If selected, families will be asked to complete enrollment materials by July 31. Notification letters will contain the building assignment and enrollment instructions.

Transportation and Attendance

Transportation to and from our district will be 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

Before and After School programs are operated by the East Lansing Recreation and Arts program. To obtain information about their program please call 517-319-6978 or visit their website at 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 we believe the Schools of Choice plan provides exciting options.

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 invite you to submit an application to East Lansing Public Schools for this limited enrollment opportunity.

We Want You to Be Involved!

If you select East Lansing Public Schools for your child, we want you to be an integral part of the educational process. It is important to us that both you and your child feel welcome and a part of our community.

We have an excellent volunteer program. Many volunteers provide countless hours of support annually to our schools. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please complete the [Volunteer Form](#).

We also have regularly scheduled conferences with teachers. However, if you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher, the school counselor, or the principal. They will be happy to talk with you. Your expression of concern is viewed as a positive involvement in your child's education.

Newsletters go home from each building regularly which will also provide families with information about school activities and events (or visit our website at elaps.us).

We welcome you as an active participant in our schools, in our community, and in your child's education. Thank you for considering East Lansing Public Schools.

District staff will be happy to answer your questions. Please contact [Kelly Hocquard](#) – at 517-333-7424 or by email at kelly.hocquard@elaps.us.