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Schools of Choice Frequently Asked Questions

I don't live in the East Lansing School District. How can I enroll my child in the East Lansing School District?

State law governs the Schools of Choice process. School districts have the option of participating in Schools of Choice on an annual basis. Districts may advertise available slots and accept applications only at specific times. East Lansing Public Schools has been a participating district in the Schools of Choice process since its inception. The Board of Education usually decides on the district's participation in Schools of Choice by mid-May. At that time the number of slots and grade levels will be identified and published. The publication will be on our district website and in the Lansing State Journal on a Sunday in mid-May.

When is the application period?

The application period is for 15 days (June 1 – June 15, 2022) for fall enrollment. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2022, by 4:00 pm.

Where may I obtain an application?

Beginning June 1, 2022, applications will be available to download from our website – www.elps.us or by contacting Kelly Hocquard, 517-333-7424, schoolsofchoice@elps.us. Applications are only available during the 15-day application period.

Do I need to reapply each year?

Once a student is accepted under the Schools of Choice provisions their enrollment is through graduation as long as enrollment is continuous. If a student withdraws and enrolls in another district they will forfeit their slot and must reapply during the next application period.

Are siblings guaranteed enrollment in future years?

Siblings are not guaranteed enrollment in future years; however, they are given preference for available advertised slots over any other new applicants providing the district participates in the Schools of Choice process in the year of application.

How are applicants chosen to enroll in East Lansing Public Schools?

The application asks for very basic information (name, grade, address, district of residence, whether there have been suspensions or expulsions). For grade levels where the number of applications received is less than the number of advertised slots, all applicants will be accepted (except as provided by law regarding suspensions or

expulsions). For grade levels where more applications are received than advertised slots, the law requires that districts accept students on a lottery basis (except as provided by law regarding suspensions or expulsions). Siblings of current Schools of Choice students receive preference for available slots over new applicants.

When will I be notified if my child has been accepted to attend East Lansing Public Schools?

Families will be notified by the end of the first week in July following the application period.

Are there any fees?

There are no fees or tuition for enrollment under the Schools of Choice provisions.

Who provides transportation?

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. It is also the responsibility of the family to ensure the student maintains good-standing attendance.

How do I know if I live within the Schools of Choice boundaries?

School districts within Ingham County are within the Schools of Choice boundaries for East Lansing Public Schools as well as districts located in intermediate school districts that are contiguous to Ingham Intermediate School District (Clinton, Eaton, Jackson, Livingston, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw).

Can I choose an elementary school?

The Schools of Choice application allows families to indicate their building preference. During the placement process, we strive to place students in one of their first choices. We also try our best to keep families together at the same school when placements are made, but there are times when this is not possible due to enrollment at some grade levels.

East Lansing Public Schools has six elementary schools that serve kindergarten through fifth-grade students. They are Donley Elementary, Glencairn Elementary, Marble Elementary, Robert L. Green Elementary, Red Cedar Elementary (Y5 – 5), and Whitehills Elementary. MacDonald Middle School serves grades 6 – 8 and East Lansing High School serves 9 – 12.

For more information please contact Kelly Hocquard at 517-333-7424 or schoolsofchoice@elps.us.