

Deadlines for the 2019-20 Choice Plan

- Applications accepted **April 8 - May 10, 2019** at 4:00 p.m.
- Parents notified by **May 22** if student accepted
- Parents confirm decision to attend by **June 3**
- Waiting list families notified about openings and confirm decision to attend **June 3 – June 28**

Schools of Choice Policies & Regulations

- One application per student, per year may be submitted to one school district. You may indicate a second choice and third choice on your application. (If you apply to more than one district you may be disqualified for all districts that year.)
- If more applications are received in a district than openings are available, there will be a random lottery drawing for all applications received prior to the deadline. If your application is not selected by your first choice district, they will automatically forward your application to your second and/or third choice districts.
- According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, students accepted into the Schools of Choice program who are in grades 9 through 12 who have participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in an MHSAA sport on a school sponsored team in Michigan or elsewhere during the previous season for a sport, and then transfer to an MHSAA member school, are ineligible at all levels of that sport at that school through the **next complete season** in that sport. Students who transfer during a season in which they are participating are ineligible at all levels of that sport for the remainder of that season, and they remain ineligible at all levels of that sport through the next complete season in that sport.**
- According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association students accepted into the Schools of Choice program who are in grades 9 – 12 who have not participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest on a school-sponsored team in Michigan or elsewhere in an MHSAA sport one season may transfer from one school to another with no delay in eligibility at any level in that sport the next season.**
****This new rule will begin implementation on Aug. 1, 2018, with effects on eligibility beginning Aug. 1, 2019.**
- Accepted students must agree to comply with choice districts policies.
- Transportation is NOT provided for Schools of Choice students. Parents must provide their own transportation to and from school for children accepted for enrollment through the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan.
- After you are accepted, you will be allowed continuous enrollment in that district until graduation or until you withdraw from that district at which time you may return to your resident district.
- Waiting lists will be created at choice districts after the lottery/random draw and parents will be notified if spaces become available.
- Siblings of students currently attending under the Schools of Choice Program will be assigned to open spots before a random draw begins. Students who reside in the same household as students enrolled in the immediately preceding school year, semester or trimester will be considered “siblings” for the purpose of Schools of Choice.
- The only limit on movement between school districts for an applicant to the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan is the space available in the desired district and/or the Choice student’s suspension or expulsion record.

Please be advised that the Schools of Choice eligibility rules are governed by the Michigan Compiled Laws under MCL 380.1401, 388.1606, 388.1705, 388.1705c and 388.1707. By signing this application, you attest that all information provided is true and accurate. You further acknowledge that providing false information is in violation of law. The District retains the right to request additional verification of your eligibility at any time. Should information be provided or discovered by the district that you were accepted into the Schools of Choice program illegally, such acceptance will be revoked immediately.