

*The Ionia ISD Collaborative
Schools of Choice Plan*

*Adopted by the Ionia Intermediate
Superintendents' Association*

For the 2020-21 School Year

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The only limit on movement between school districts for most students in the Ionia ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan is the space available in the desired district or the Choice students' suspension or expulsion record. Schools participating in the Ionia ISD plan are allowed to limit the space available, or to opt out of Choice altogether, if the district's growth is so great that accepting Choice students would threaten the quality of programming for existing students.

Eligibility

All families and all students are eligible for the Ionia ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan, regardless of grade level, ethnic background or student ability. Openings are limited only by the space available in participating districts. Families wishing to participate should request an application from their resident district, or their district of choice, and apply to the district of their choice during the application period, which will be June 1 through September 11, 2020.

How to Apply

Parents can apply by:

1. Requesting a Schools of Choice application form from their resident district, or their district of choice, during the application period.
2. Completing and returning the application to the district of choice by the deadline. A random-draw lottery will be held if the district of choice has more applications than openings. (**Note:** Only **one** application should be submitted per student.) The applications of those students who were not selected in the lottery will be automatically forwarded to the alternate choices identified by parents.
3. Parents will receive notification of acceptance to confirm their desire to enroll their child in the choice district. Once a child is enrolled as a Schools of Choice student, his or her siblings may be accepted by the district of choice. Once a child is enrolled as a Schools of Choice student, that child can remain in the district of choice for the remainder of his or her school career.
4. Waiting lists will be created at choice districts and parents will be notified if spaces become available.

Special Considerations for Parents & Students Considering Choice

1. Transportation is **NOT** provided for Schools of Choice enrollees. Parents must provide their own transportation to and from school for children accepted for enrollment through the Ionia ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan.
2. The Michigan High School Athletic Association imposes a one-semester prohibition on athletic participation for Schools of Choice enrollees in grades 10-12.
3. Most Ionia ISD school districts also participate in the state regulated 105c choice program that allows movement between school districts in different ISDs. Please contact the district of choice to learn more about these options, as it is separate from the Ionia County plan.