

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE APPLICATION

MOISD SCHOOLS OF CHOICE (Students residing in a school district within the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District)

Schools of Choice under Section 105c (Students residing in a school district outside the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District)

(PLEASE INDICATE DISTRICT OF CHOICE)

Big Rapids Public Schools Chippewa Hills School District Evart Public Schools Morley Stanwood Community Schools Reed City Area Public Schools

Student's Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Resident District: _____

Grade Level: _____

Address: _____ Parent/Guardian Names: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Mother: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Father: _____

Building Desired: _____

Reason for applying for Schools of Choice: _____

Has your child ever been tested for specialized services? ___ Yes ___ No

Does your child receive specialized assistance at school? ___ Yes ___ No

Are any siblings currently attending this district under Schools of Choice: YES NO

If yes, name(s)/building(s) & grade(s): _____

Has student ever been, or is currently, under suspension or expulsion from the resident district? YES NO

If yes, explain reason(s) for suspension(s)/expulsion(s) and date(s): _____

Current District and Building student is attending: _____

Name and phone number of building principal: _____

I give my permission to the _____ School District to release all school records to _____ for _____.

District of Choice Student's Name

NOTE: Please be aware that non-resident students accepted under Schools of Choice are responsible for their own transportation, and by signing below I acknowledge and accept the policies and regulations of the MOISD Schools of Choice Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Address/City/State/Zip

Phone Number (Including Area Code)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Application Received: _____

Application Approved _____
Signature Date

Application Denied _____
Signature Date

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Schools of Choice Guidelines

- ⇒ ***It is important that the school district the student is leaving be notified so records can be transferred in a timely manner.***
 - ⇒ Parents/students may pick up an application for Schools of Choice at the district they wish to attend. That district will send the approved/denied application to the resident district.
 - ⇒ All school districts within the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District participate in the **MOISD Schools of Choice (Big Rapids Public Schools, Chippewa Hills School District, Ewart Public Schools, Morley Stanwood Community Schools and Reed City Area Public Schools)**. This means during open enrollment any one of them may accept, enroll and count students from other districts **within** the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District.
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 - ⇒ A district may limit the number of non-residents it will accept. If the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available, the district must use a **random draw system** to select the choice applicants who will be offered enrollment.
 - ⇒ The enrolling district under a **Schools of Choice** plan is **NOT** required to provide transportation for a non-resident student.
 - ⇒ Athletic Eligibility - If students change schools before the 4th Friday after Labor Day, they are eligible on Dr. Martin Luther King Day; if the change of schools is after that but before the 4th Friday of February, they are eligible on August 1 to start fall sports. Student eligibility must follow MHSAA guidelines.
 - ⇒ A district may **not** charge tuition for a non-resident student who transfers during the Choice open enrollment if the student resides within the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District.
 - ⇒ Districts of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District may accept choice students first and second trimester, assuming classroom space is available within the receiving district using guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Education. After count dates, a release from the sending district is required under current state legislation.
 - ⇒ **AFTER COUNT DATES** families **MUST GO** to district of residence for permission to attend another school and then request entry into Choice School. Under State of Michigan guidelines, tuition fees may be charged.
 - ⇒ Regulations set forth in Section 105c requires, as a condition to enrolling a student who resides in a district located in a contiguous intermediate school district and who is eligible for special education programs and services, that the enrolling district must enter into a written agreement with the resident district for the purpose of providing the student with a free, appropriate public education and the agreement shall include an agreement on responsibility for payment of the added costs of special education programs and services for the student.
 - ⇒ A non-resident applicant residing within or adjacent to the same Intermediate School District shall **not** be granted or refused enrollment based upon religion, race, color, national origin, sex, or in violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination.
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