



What is Schools of Choice?

The Schools of choice program, established by the Michigan Department of Education, allows a student to attend a school outside of his or her residential public school option. Individual districts decide the extent of their participation, and a district may opt out of the program completely if desired.

Schools of Choice in Leslie

- Leslie accepts students under both Section 105 and Section 105c
 - Section 105 permits Leslie to enroll students who reside in other local school districts with the Ingham Intermediate School District boundaries.
 - Section 105c permits Leslie to enroll students who reside in school districts located in contiguous intermediate school districts.
- Leslie is an unlimited district, meaning that they have an unlimited number of positions available for nonresident applicants.
- All grades and buildings at Leslie Public Schools accept Schools of Choice
- Applications are only accepted during the Leslie Public Schools' School of Choice window.
- Parents/Guardians may obtain a Release from their resident district if they wish to enroll their child outside the Schools of Choice window.

What you don't get with Schools of Choice

- **Transportation.** Transportation is not provided to School of Choice students unless arrangements have been made for the student to be picked up and dropped off at an established Leslie Public Schools' bus stop. You will need to get your child to and from school each day.
- **Sports for high school students.** Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) transfer regulations apply to all high school age students. *Consult your local school athletic director regarding participation in athletics before transferring.*

Schools of Choice Process

- The parent/guardian completes the School of Choice application and the Consent for Exchange of Information and submits it to the school district with a proof of residency. (Examples include: utility bill, mortgage payment, rent receipt, medical bill, etc.)
- The application is reviewed to determine if student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified in writing of the denial and the process ends.
- For the student who does qualify, the district approves the application and the parents/guardians are notified in writing of the student's acceptance.
- For out-of-county students requiring special education services, a Cooperative Agreement must be on file before the student can be accepted as Schools of Choice.
- For students accepted for Schools of Choice by the district, the parents/guardian must formally enroll the student in the appropriate school.

Application Deadlines:

April 15, 2020 – August 28, 2020: Open enrollment window to submit applications for Kindergarten Round-Up for the next school year and for Out-of-County (105c) applicants.

November 1 – November 30, 2020: Window to submit applications for second trimester of the current school year.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Leslie Public Schools complies with all federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the United States Department of Education and the Michigan State Department of Education.

It is the policy of Leslie Public Schools that no person be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age, height, weight, marital or family status, religion, military status, ancestry, genetic information or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities.