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**Genesee Intermediate School District
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Schools of Choice Program for 2012-2013

For the 2012-2013 school year, the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) Collaborative Schools of Choice Program will continue in 12 local public school districts in Genesee County. Parents can request to send their child(ren) to a school outside their district of residence through this program that is designed to provide academic options to enhance learning for students in grades K-12.

The Collaborative Schools of Choice Program was developed fifteen years ago by the Genesee County Superintendents Association. Last year, over 1,000 students were placed through the countywide choice plan for 2011-2012. This year, superintendents continue the program to allow greater movement of students. Districts have determined which buildings, programs and grade levels have space for schools of choice applicants for 2012-2013. A common Schools of Choice Application form is used in all school districts. It can be obtained at each school district's board of education office or at GISD beginning April 26, 2012. Information regarding the Schools of Choice Program is also available on the GISD website: www.geneseeisd.org.

Features of the plan include:

- The number of students that a participating district will release shall be 1% of a district's 2011-2012 school year K-12 Pupil Membership count, or a minimum of 15 students, whichever is greater. If requests exceed this minimum, a lottery process will be used to determine students to be released. This is in addition to students who have already been accepted and released in previous years.
- For 2012-13, the plan allows a participating district to accept ALL choice students released by the resident districts. This is in addition to students who have been accepted in previous years.
- Parents/guardians can apply to only one Genesee County school district for the Schools of Choice Program on behalf of their child(ren). If the choice district does not accept the application, parents/guardians may have the option of applying to other districts where openings exist.
- Siblings will be grouped together for lottery purposes.
- Districts can decline to accept students if available space or local district class enrollment numbers do not allow for additional nonresident students. Interested parents should contact their school of choice to obtain information on programs, buildings and grades that are open to nonresident students.
- Participating districts have agreed to stay in the choice program for the entire school year.
- Transfers take place at the beginning of the school year. There are no mid-year transfers. Students must remain in their choice school for the entire school year.

- Receiving district is responsible for providing special education services if needed.
- Student transportation must be provided by parent/guardian.
- Parents, guardians, and students who participate are required to meet with a building administrator or counselor of the enrolling district prior to the start of 2012-2013 school year.
- Student transfers must meet curriculum, credit, promotion, and graduation requirements of the choice district in which they are enrolled.
- An applicant shall not be granted or refused enrollment based on religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, height, weight, marital status, athletic ability, or in violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination.
- The receiving district has the right to refuse students who have been suspended within the last two years, expelled, withdrew to avoid suspension or expulsion, or have been convicted of a felony.
- Students accepted under this Schools of Choice Program are allowed to stay in the choice district until graduation unless attendance or discipline problems occur.
- Michigan High School Athletic Association rules and regulations will apply to all students participating in interscholastic athletics. Under the MHSAA transfer policy, high school students (entering grades 10-12) who transfer by choice from one school to another are not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for one full semester.

Timeline for the GISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

- April 26, 2012 – Districts announce available space by school building, grade level, and program (if participating) and may distribute applications.
- **May 29, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – APPLICATION DEADLINE!** Applications for transfer, completed by parent/guardian, must be returned to their resident district's board of education office. (There are no guarantees regarding available space or sibling placement.)
- June 22, 2012 – Parents are notified of acceptance by choice district, or if not selected in resident district's lottery.
- July 6, 2012 – Parents notify resident and choice district of their intent to enroll in a choice district.
- July 20, 2012 – Parents notified of final non-acceptance.
- August 3, 2012 – Last date to file written appeal of transfer decision with GISD Superintendent. Call (810) 591-4422 for appeal information and form.

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- ◆ **July 20, 2012** – Parents notified of non-acceptance.
- ◆ **August 3, 2012** – Last date to file written appeal of transfer decision with Genesee Intermediate School District . Call (810) 591-4422 for appeal information and form.

Questions?

Contact the Superintendent of your resident school district. Application forms are available in your resident school district.

Participating Districts

- * Atherton * Beecher * Bendle * Bentley * Carman-Ainsworth
* Clio * Davison * Flint * Flushing*
- * Genesee Intermediate School District *
* Grand Blanc * Lakeville *
* Mt. Morris *

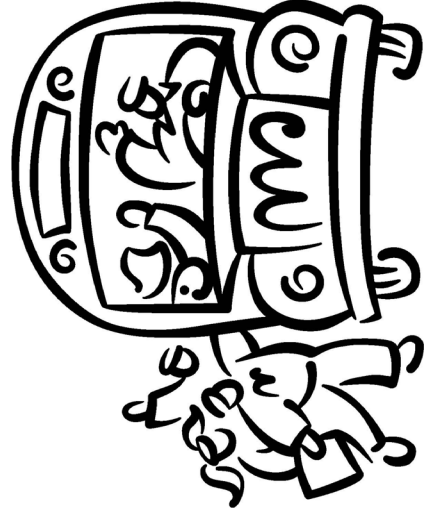
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A Parent's Guide . . .

GISD

**Collaborative Schools of
Choice Program 2012 - 2013**





Countywide Schools of Choice Program . . .

Background

The GISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program offers Genesee County parents and students the opportunity to enroll in a school outside their resident district. The GISD and 12 districts participate. It is designed to provide another academic option in addition to the quality K-12 programs that already exist in the local districts.

Features

- ◆ The number of resident students that a participating district will release shall be 1% of the district's 2011-2012 school year K-12 Pupil Membership Day count, or a minimum of 15 students, whichever is greater. This is in addition to students who have been released in previous years.
- ◆ If requests exceed 1%, a lottery process will be used to determine students to be released from their resident district.
- ◆ A participating district may accept all choice students released by the resident districts. This is in addition to students who have been accepted in previous years.
- ◆ Parents/guardians may apply to only one Genesee County school district for the Schools of Choice Program on behalf of their child(ren). If the choice district does not accept the application, parents/guardians may have the option of applying to other districts where openings exist.
- ◆ Siblings will be grouped together for lottery purposes.
- ◆ Siblings of currently enrolled Schools of Choice students must submit an application and will be given priority in that district if openings exist.
- ◆ Districts can decline to accept students if available space or local district class enrollment numbers do not allow for additional nonresident students.
- ◆ Transfers take place at beginning of school year. There are no mid-year transfers. Students must remain in their school of choice for the complete school year.

- ◆ The choice district is responsible for special education services if needed.
- ◆ Student transportation must be provided by parent/guardian.
- ◆ Parents, guardians and students participating are required to meet with a building administrator or counselor of enrolling district prior to start of 2012-2013 school year.
- ◆ Student transfers must meet curriculum, credit, promotion and graduation requirements of the choice district in which they are enrolled.
- ◆ No discrimination based on religion, race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, height, weight, age, marital status, athletic ability, or in violation of any federal law prohibiting discrimination.
- ◆ The choice district has the right to refuse to accept, or to continue, students who have been suspended within the last two years, expelled, withdrew to avoid suspension or expulsion, or have been convicted of a felony.
- ◆ Students accepted under this Schools of Choice Program are allowed to stay in the nonresident district until graduation unless attendance or discipline problems occur.
- ◆ If a student currently enrolled in the Schools of Choice Program changes resident districts, it is the responsibility of the parent to notify both the resident district they are leaving, and their new resident district.
- ◆ Michigan High School Athletic Association rules and regulations will apply to all students participating in interscholastic athletics. Under the MHSAA transfer policy, high school students (entering grades 10-12) who transfer by choice from one school to another are not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for one full semester.



GENESEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

**2012-13 COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AVAILABILITY**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	RELEASE LIMIT	GRADES OPEN
ATHERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Tina Wiederman, Secretary to Superintendent (810) 591-9182	15	K-12
BEECHER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Lori Daniels-Smith, Child Accounting Supervisor (810) 591-9227	15	K-12
BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lou Ellen Fecher, Secretary to Superintendent (810) 591-2586	16	K-12
BENTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS John E. Schantz II, Superintendent - (810) 591-9100 Megan Daunt, Secretary to Superintendent (810) 591-9120	15	K-12
CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Judy Kalush, Pupil Accounting (810) 591-3206	44	K-12
CLIO AREA SCHOOLS Edward Graham, Assistant Superintendent Julie Newman, Secretary for Curriculum & Instruction (810) 591-7483	36	K-12
DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Kathy LaFeldt, Secretary to Superintendent (810) 591-0801	55	K-Limited 1-No Openings 2-12 Limited
FLINT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Larry Watkins (810) 760-1230 Sharon Welch, Statistical Clerk (810) 760-1236	96	K-12
FLUSHING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Michele Blair, Assistant Superintendent - (810) 591-1187 Denise Churchill, Curriculum & Instruction Administrative Assistant (810) 591-1183	42	K-6 Limited 7-12 Open
GRAND BLANC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Tena Moiles, District Child Accounting Coordinator (810) 591-6009	87	K-9
LAKEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Vickie Luoma, Superintendent - (810) 591-3981 Lisa Hendrickson, Secretary to Superintendent (810) 591-3980	16	K-12
MT MORRIS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS Marilyn Fedchenko, Executive Secretary (810) 591-8760	25	K-12

For questions regarding the GISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, you may contact Debra Hartman, GISD Business Services Administrator, at (810) 591-4422.

Genesee Intermediate School District
District Participation in Schools of Choice (SOC) Programs

