

Collaborative Schools of Choice Program 2010-2011

The plan is open to all families within Kent ISD. All students are eligible regardless of grade level, ethnic background or student ability. The only limit on movement between school districts is the space available in the desired district.

Parents Can Apply By:

- Requesting a Schools of Choice application form from their resident district or choice district during the application period, **Monday, April 12 through Friday, June 4.**
- Completing and returning the application to the district of choice by the **4 p.m. deadline on June 4.**

Note: Only one total application should be submitted per student.

Other Important Deadlines:

- Parents will be notified if their student was accepted into the district of choice no later than **June 18.**
- Parents must confirm this decision with the school district by **July 2.**

Special Considerations for Parents & Students

Michigan law and the Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association agree that siblings should be kept together in a single district whenever possible. As a result, siblings of current Choice students may receive preference in filling district openings.

Transportation is **NOT** provided for Schools of Choice students; parents must provide their own transportation.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires students to wait one semester after enrolling in a new district (under Schools of Choice) before they can participate in athletics.



To learn about school districts for your child, go to www.kentisd.org

Additional Notes for Parents

- Be sure to indicate alternate school choices on the form, in case the district of choice has more applications than openings and must then have a lottery. Applications of students not selected in the lottery will be automatically forwarded to the alternate choices listed on the form and/or placed on a waiting list.
- Waiting lists will be created at the districts and parents will be notified if spaces become available. Districts with unused openings will hold those openings until the first day of school.
- Once enrolled through Schools of Choice that student can remain in the district for his or her entire school career. His or her siblings **may** also be accepted by the district.

Highlights

- All-Day-Every-Day-Kindergarten for every child
- Full and half day preschool, Bright Beginnings, and Head Start program
- K-6 reading and math programs individualized for your student
- K-6 participate in Response to Intervention Program
- Highly successful reading program, with elementaries reaching Master status; reading emphasis continues K-8
- Elementary computer labs, with new technology throughout the district
- Award winning music programs in middle school and high school, including 2009-10 marching band state champions
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes available
- Parent involvement programs such as Math/Reading Family Nights and “Parents Are Teachers”
- Recipient of the Connecting with Community Award for our TEAM 21 Program
- Recipient of the 2009 Dispelling The Myth award by The Education Trust

**For more information
please contact Cindy Buist
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**Spaces available for 2010-2011
Accepting 325 students
total across grades K-12**

Dedicated to Student Achievement

At Godwin Heights Public Schools, our vision is “build relationships, set high expectations, make it relevant; then all children will learn.” Research shows that the earlier children are reached with academic and social lessons, the more likely they will succeed in school and life. For this reason, Godwin offers an all-day-every-day-kindergarten program. Most of our students graduating from kindergarten will know how to read at a first grade level!

While at Godwin, your child will receive individualized programs in math and reading. Academic success will be reached by tailoring a program to meet your child’s needs, from pre-school through high school.

Reading/literacy is a high priority at Godwin. Your child will read with a reading specialist on a daily basis (K-2). As your child’s school career progresses, a focus on reading will continue. Our success is measured yearly as we continually make progress on our MEAP scores. Check out our scores on our website!

Also, our high school offers your child an opportunity for Honors and Advanced Placement classes, as well as dual enrollment with college credit.

We believe a cooperative partnership between family and school is essential for each child to succeed. The experiences your child will receive at Godwin Heights will help them excel for years to come. We look forward to educating together!