



Schools of Choice (SoC)

2020-2021 Application for Enrollment

Application Window: June 1, 2020 – September 11, 2020

- **One application form per child** must be received at the Central Office of your choice school district by **4:00 pm - 9/11/2020**.
- Questions should be directed to the Central Office of the choice district.
- **Do not submit separate applications to Ionia ISD.**

District of choice:	Grade entering next semester:
In-County SoC (<i>Student resides <u>within</u> Ionia ISD</i>) Check here:	Section 105c (<i>Student resides in a county <u>adjacent to</u> Ionia ISD</i>) Check here:
Student Information	
Student Name:	Birthdate:
Address:	Parent's Email:
City/State/Zip:	Home Phone:
Resident District:	Work Phone:
Parent / Guardian:	
School District and Building Currently Attending:	
Does your student receive Special Education or other services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:	
Has your child ever been expelled from school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:	
Has your child been suspended from any school in the last two years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:	
K-12 Sibling Information	
Is this student residing in the same household as students currently enrolled through School of Choice in the immediately preceding school year, semester or trimester? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Sibling Name	Entering Grade
Parent Signature	
By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of, and accept the policies and regulations of the Ionia ISD Schools of Choice Program. I also understand that incomplete, inaccurate or false information I have provided may invalidate the transfer. <i>If my child is accepted as a Schools of Choice (SoC) student, I also understand that transportation shall be my sole responsibility.</i>	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Student Signature (if 18 or older):	Date:
Choice District Superintendent Signature	
The Ionia Intermediate School District and constituent local districts comply with all federal state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, and with all requirements and regulations of the United State Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Education. The following signature indicates acceptance of the student:	
Authorized Signature:	Date:

Choice Opportunities

Ionia ISD's Schools of Choice Plan is designed to meet the needs of families seeking to enroll their children in another school district through:

- **Open Schools of Choice plan**, limited only by the seats available in receiving districts and the time constraints of the open enrollment period, which is from June 1 through the Friday of the third week of the school year.

Limits on the Ionia ISD Plan

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 the Friday of the third week of the school year.

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.