

**South Lyon Community Schools
In-District Schools of Choice Program
2017-2018 School Year**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. *How is information about the Schools of Choice Program made available to parents?*
A. There are articles in the *Spirit of South Lyon*, flyers from elementary schools; information in elementary school newsletters; and informational packets are available at Kindergarten Registration.
- Q. *May I choose a school outside of the South Lyon Community Schools?*
A. Not through this process.
- Q. *How will the decision be made whether or not my child will be selected to attend our school of choice?*
A. If requests do not exceed spaces, families will automatically receive approval upon the receipt of the application. If requests exceed spaces, a random selection process will be used. We will reserve 25% of the available spaces per grade per school, for students who have participated in the program the previous year.
- Q. *Will transportation be provided for my child?*
A. No. Parents are expected to provide transportation.
- Q. *Must I complete a separate application for each child?*
A. Yes. A Schools of Choice Application must be completed for each child in order to allocate available space in a fair and consistent manner.
- Q. *My child is not attending his/her attendance area school now. Do I need to apply for Schools of Choice to stay in that school building?*
A. Yes. An application needs to be made each year.
- Q. *What if I move into the District after March 31, 2017? Can I apply to the Schools of Choice Program?*
A. If space is available, you may be granted permission. However, the deadline for the 2017-2018 school year is March 31, 2017, and all requests made prior to that date receive priority.
- Q. *Do I receive priority in the following year (2018-2019), if I am selected in the Schools of Choice Program this year (2017-2018)?*
A. We will reserve 25% of the available slots per grade, per school for students who have participated in the program the previous year. You need to reapply each year. Since our district continues to grow, we need to assess the number of students in each attendance area every year. Understand that acceptance as a school of choice student for one year does not guarantee a spot the following year.

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2015-2016 School Year**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
(Continued)

- Q. *Why does applying to the Schools of Choice Program seem complicated?*
A. We must be fair and equitable to all students. We cannot anticipate the number of new students per school/per grade each year.
- Q. *If I have more than one child applying for Schools of Choice, will all my children be chosen?*
A. No. Each child accepted in the program will be selected based on available space and/or a random lottery per grade/per building.
- Q. *If an opening exists during the school year in the school of my choice, could I switch schools at that time?*
A. If there is a sound reason why you want to choose another school, it can be discussed. However, disruption of a student's placement mid-year is not always in the best interest of the child.
- Q. *When will I know for sure which school my child will attend?*
A. By the second full day of school, we will have enough information to finalize our decisions and determine if your child will be permitted to attend your school of choice for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Q. *Do I have to complete an application if I do not wish for my child to attend school outside of his/her assigned attendance area?*
A. No. Your child would remain in his/her attendance area automatically.
- Q. *Why must I apply every year?*
A. Students living within an attendance area have first priority to attend their neighborhood school. Since we cannot anticipate the number of new students per grade/per building, we need to repeat the process each year.
- Q. *When will I be notified that my child has been approved to attend my School of Choice?*
A. Remember—'**no news is good news.**' **You will not be notified unless you are not approved,** which can happen up until the second full day of school. If you do not hear from us, your child may attend his/her School of Choice on the first day of school.