

**South Lyon Community Schools Grades
2017-2018 In-District Schools of Choice Program
Middle School Grades 7-8**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. *Who may request Schools of Choice?*

- A. 1. Students who will be in grades 7 or 8 next year and whose neighborhood or address has been redistricted may request to remain at their previous school.
2. Students within the current CMS boundary who were accepted for SOC to MMS for the current 2016-17 school year may remain at MMS if they choose to do so.

Q. *Are current 5th grade students whose neighborhood or address has been redistricted allowed to request SOC for 6th grade for 2017-18?*

- A. No. All current 5th grade students must attend 6th grade in the building to which their neighborhood or address is districted.

Q. *My incoming 6th grade student is a 105/105C student. Is my student eligible to request SOC to attend CMS?*

- A. No. All incoming 6th grade 105/105C students will attend MMS.

Q. *What about current 5th grade students who have a sibling for whom SOC has been requested to remain at their current school? Can SOC be requested so the siblings may attend the same building?*

- A. No. SOC is not available for current 5th grade students for 6th grade.

Q. *We've heard the term 'grandfathered' mentioned. Aren't all current 7th grade students grandfathered into their current school for 8th grade?*

- A. No. The grandfathering policy adopted by the Board of Education is very specific and applies only to 4th grade students for their 5th grade year in elementary school. While we will not use the term 'grandfathering', we do anticipate that current 7th grade students will be able to remain at CMS if they complete the SOC paperwork on time. Additionally, once students have attended the first full day of 7th grade, they have always been eligible to remain at their current middle school through the end of 8th grade.

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 spaces in a fair and consistent manner.

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. *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. *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. *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 anticipate being able to honor all 7th and 8th grade requests for 2017-18.

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.

Q. *Will transportation be provided for SOC students?*

A. Yes. Transportation for middle school SOC students will be provided for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years only. SOC students will ride the regular bus from their neighborhood or address to the school they are districted for. A shuttle bus will transport all middle school SOC students to their SOC building.