

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be available beginning **February 24, 2017**, at all elementary school building offices, at the South Lyon Schools' Administration Building, 345 South Warren and on our website at www.slcs.us.

Parents who wish their child(ren) to participate in the Schools of Choice Program must apply by completing an application form for each child. Parents are responsible for providing transportation for students choosing to participate in the Program. Every student who participates in the Program needs to re-apply and be accepted each year. However, we will reserve 25% of the available slots per grade, per school, for students who participated in the program the previous year. If necessary, a random selection process will be utilized to identify these students.

An application should be completed only if you are interested in sending your child to a school other than your attendance area school. (Your attendance area school is determined by your address. Contact the SLCS Transportation Department, (248) 573-8900, for verification).

Completed applications must be returned to South Lyon Community Schools Administration Building, Attention: Pupil Services, 345 South Warren Street, South Lyon 48178, by **March 31, 2017**. The office phone number is (248) 573-8134. You can also return the application to any of the elementary schools. Applications are accepted on a first come-first serve basis after the deadline. All applications received before the deadline are given equal attention.

SELECTION PROCESS

- After April 17, we will determine the initial amount of spaces available per school, per grade. We will use existing data regarding new subdivisions and current enrollment figures and will maintain a 5 to 10% factor for new growth at each school. Since our school district is experiencing new growth, it is very difficult to determine how many new students we will receive during the summer.
- Upon submission of an application, parents/guardians may assume that their children have approval to attend the requested school of choice unless parents are notified otherwise. This notification may take place up to the first full day of school in the fall. It may be necessary to deny or close Schools of Choice in some schools and in some grades. A random drawing will become necessary if there are more requests than spaces.

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- **REMEMBER – NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS – parents/guardians will not be notified if their child is accepted at their school of choice** – however, THEY MUST REALIZE THAT THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY STUDENTS BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOL THROUGH THE FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL IN THE FALL, DEPENDING ON ENROLLMENTS DURING THE SUMMER AND RESULTING CLASS SIZES. The District's goal is to ensure equitable class size throughout the school system.

- ***While we have historically been able to determine in the spring whether school of choice will be limited at a particular school or grade, the district does reserve the right to change any students back to their original attendance area school through the first full day of school in the fall.***

- The following steps are necessary only if a Random Selection Process becomes necessary due to more requests for a particular school and grade than available spaces.
 - **April 25, 2017** -- Random Selection Process takes place.
 - **April 27, 2017** -- Parents/guardians will be mailed notification of the results of the Process.
 - **May 12, 2017** -- Accepted parents/guardians will need to return a letter of acceptance to SLCS, Pupil Services, 345 South Warren, South Lyon 48178, by this date.
 - **May 26, 2017** -- Waiting list acceptance letters due. If openings occur because some students selected through the Random Selection Process decide not to participate, these openings will be filled according to the number assigned in the random drawing. Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as there is space and they must send an acceptance letter to SLCS Pupil Services.

QUESTIONS

Contact any elementary principal or Pupil Services, 248-573-8134.