

## Application for 2017-18 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

- **One application form per child** must be received at the Central Office of your first choice school district **by 4:00 pm May 12, 2017**.
- Questions should be directed to the Central Office of the first choice district.
- Your application will be forwarded to alternate choice districts if necessary.
- **Do not submit separate applications to alternate choice districts in Kent ISD.**

District of choice: <b>FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	Second District of Choice:	
<i>Grade entering next semester:</i>	Third District of Choice:	
<b>Student Information</b>		
Student Name:	Birthdate:	
Address:	Parent's Email:	
City/State/Zip:	Home Phone:	
Resident District:	Work Phone:	
Parent / Guardian:		
School District and Building Currently Attending:		
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:		
<b>K-12 Sibling Information</b>		
Is this student residing with a sibling currently attending the choice district? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
<b>Sibling Name</b>	<b>Ever suspended or expelled?</b>	<b>Entering Grade</b>
Please explain any sibling suspensions/expulsions:		
<b>Parent Signature</b>		
By signing below I acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of, and accept the policies and regulations of the Kent ISD Schools of Choice Program. I also understand that incomplete, inaccurate or false information I have provided may invalidate the transfer. <b>If my child is accepted as a Schools of Choice student, I also understand that transportation shall be my sole responsibility.</b>		
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	
Student Signature (if 18 or older):	Date:	
<b>Choice District Signature</b>		
The Kent 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:	

*There are many options for quality education within Kent ISD. Our School of Choice plan is designed to provide the best possible education for the vast majority of families who choose their home district, while accommodating those who would like to transfer to another school.*

## **Deadlines for the 2017-18 Choice Plan**

- Applications accepted **April 10 - May 12, 2017** at 4:00 p.m.
- Parents notified by **May 22** if student accepted
- Parents confirm decision to attend by **May 31**
- Waiting list families notified about openings and confirm decision to attend **June 1 – June 30**

## **Schools of Choice Policies & Regulations**

- One application per student, per year may be submitted to one school district. You may indicate a second choice and third choice on your application. (If you apply to more than one district you may be disqualified for all districts that year.)
- If more applications are received in a district than openings are available, there will be a random lottery drawing for all applications received prior to the deadline. If your application is not selected by your first choice district, they will automatically forward your application to your second and/or third choice districts.
- According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association students accepted into the Schools of Choice program who are in grades 10 – 12 will not be eligible to participate in sports for one semester – until the second half of the school year.
- Accepted students must agree to comply with choice districts policies.
- Transportation is NOT provided for Schools of Choice students. Parents must provide their own transportation to and from school for children accepted for enrollment through the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan.
- After you are accepted, you will be allowed continuous enrollment in that district until graduation or until you withdraw from that district at which time you may return to your resident district.
- Waiting lists will be created at choice districts after the lottery/random draw and parents will be notified if spaces become available.
- Siblings of students previously accepted under the Schools of Choice Program will be assigned to open spots before a random draw begins. Students who reside in the same household will be considered “siblings” for the purpose of Schools of Choice.
- The only limit on movement between school districts for an applicant to the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan is the space available in the desired district and/or the Choice student’s suspension or expulsion record.

***Please be advised that the Schools of Choice eligibility rules are governed by the Michigan Compiled Laws under MCL 380.1401, 388.1606, 388.1705, 388.1705c and 388.1707. By signing this application, you attest that all information provided is true and accurate. You further acknowledge that providing false information is in violation of law. The District retains the right to request additional verification of your eligibility at any time. Should information be provided or discovered by the district that you were accepted into the Schools of Choice program illegally, such acceptance will be revoked immediately.***