

Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association

Collaborative Schools of Choice Program 2009-2010

The plan is open to all families within Kent ISD. All students are eligible regardless of grade level, ethnic background or student ability. The only limit on movement between school districts is the space available in the desired district.

Parents Can Apply By:

- Requesting a Schools of Choice application form from their resident district or choice district during the application period, **Monday, April 13 through Friday, June 5.**
- Completing and returning the application to the district of choice by the **4 p.m. deadline on June 5.**

Note: Only one total application should be submitted per student.

Other Important Deadlines:

- Parents will be notified if their student was accepted into the district of choice no later than **June 19.**
- Parents must confirm this decision with the school district by **July 1.**



Special Considerations for Parents & Students

Michigan law and the Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association agree that siblings should be kept together in a single district whenever possible. As a result, siblings of current Choice students may receive preference in filling district openings.

Transportation is **NOT** provided for Schools of Choice students; parents must provide their own transportation.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires students to wait one semester after enrolling in a new district (under Schools of Choice) before they can participate in athletics.

To learn about school districts for your child, go to www.kentisd.org

Additional Notes for Parents

- Be sure to indicate alternate school choices on the form, in case the district of choice has more applications than openings and must then have a lottery. Applications of students not selected in the lottery will be automatically forwarded to the alternate choices listed on the form and/or placed on a waiting list.
- Waiting lists will be created at the districts and parents will be notified if spaces become available. Districts with unused openings will hold those openings until the first day of school.
- Once enrolled through Schools of Choice that student can remain in the district for his or her entire school career. His or her siblings may also be accepted by the district.



Highlights

- Safe, nurturing, and attractive learning facilities
- Competent and caring staff
- High MEAP Scores
- All schools NCA accredited with Transitions Endorsement
- Demonstrated commitment to high levels of parent and community involvement
- Technology readily available to students and staff
- Before and after school childcare
- Career Pathways orientation
- Dual Enrollment, AP courses, and on-line learning
- 1 High School, 2 Middle Schools, 4 Elementary Schools, and an Early Childhood Center

For more information contact Michele Zoet at 616.891.8185

Spaces available for 2009-2010

Accepting 70 students total in grades K-5 and 55 students total in grades 6-12

Highest Quality System for Learning

Caledonia is a thriving community! *Money Magazine* has named Caledonia as one of the top 100 places to live in the United States, and our schools were one of the major reasons for this designation. The *Grand Rapids Magazine* ranks Caledonia the 3rd best district in West Michigan.

Recently, we opened a new high school facility, a second middle school, an early childhood center, and a new community resource facility. While we continue to grow as a school district and a community, conscious effort is being given to preserving the values of a healthy and caring community.

Caledonia's schools are caring places that focus on personalized learning. A dedicated staff strives to encourage each child to be actively involved in his/her education. Our teachers are involved in staff development emphasizing best practices and meaningful learning experiences for children.

Our programs are designed for students to be engaged in a full complement of classroom opportunities and extra-curricular activities. In addition, Caledonia offers multiple ways for students to learn "beyond classroom walls" through field trips, community service, mentorships, internships, senior projects, and interim experiences. We believe these opportunities connect students to the real world and prepare them to become productive contributing members in a dynamic and diverse world.

Caledonia Schools are committed to educating the whole person. Our goals include graduating students who can demonstrate high levels of academic proficiency and who have the ability to think, problem-solve, communicate, and apply technological and social skills. We would love to have your children attend Caledonia Community Schools.