



## 2020-2021 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### WHEN CAN I SUBMIT A SCHOOLS OF CHOICE APPLICATION?

Siblings of current Schools of Choice students (Sibling Preference) will be emailed an Application on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Applications must be completed and returned Monday, March 9 through Thursday, March 26, 2020 (Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) to the Administrative Building, Troy School District, 4400 Livernois, Troy, MI. **Hardcopy** only – must be received by 4:00 PM March 26<sup>th</sup> – **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Schools of Choice (Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference) Applications will be posted on the Troy School District website Monday, March 9 through Thursday, March 26, 2020. Application must be completed and returned Monday, March 9 through Thursday, March 26, 2020 (Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) to the Administrative Building, Troy School District, 4400 Livernois, Troy, MI. **Hardcopy** only – must be received by 4:00 PM March 26<sup>th</sup> – **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

### CAN I FAX OR EMAIL MY STUDENT'S APPLICATION?

NO. Due to the volume of applications which are individually date stamped, we will not accept applications by fax or email. A hard copy of your student's application must be delivered to the Troy School District – Administrative Building – 4400 Livernois, Troy, Michigan (refer to appropriate deadlines under previous FAQ). If you choose to mail your application, we are not responsible for late or missing deliveries.

### CAN I CHOOSE WHICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I WANT MY CHILD TO ATTEND?

If your elementary student is applying with a Schools of Choice Sibling Preference Application, and the current sibling attending the district is in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade, your incoming Kindergarten or First Grade student will be placed at the same building and on the same learning path (Elementary/Middle/High School).

If you are applying with a Schools of Choice Application (Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference) for Kindergarten or First Grade your student will be placed at an available building if you are chosen through the lottery process. There is no "preferred" school placement option on the application.

PLEASE NOTE: Barnard, Bemis and Schroeder Elementary have been "CLOSED" by our Board of Education for the 2020-21 school year. This means that only sibling preference enrollments may be assigned to these buildings and are not an option for NEW Schools of Choice students. If a current Schools of Choice student attends any of these buildings and is in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade, the incoming sibling will be placed at the same building and on the same learning path. If the current Schools of Choice Sibling is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of placement, the student will be placed based on building availability and not at any of the "closed" buildings.

### CAN I CHOOSE WHICH MIDDLE SCHOOL I WANT MY CHILD TO ATTEND?

No. Middle School students for both Sibling Preference and Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applications will be placed per building availability. The Board of Education has "CLOSED" Boulan Park Middle School and there will be no new Schools of Choice placements there for the 2020-21 school year.

PLEASE NOTE: The high school building placements for all middle school students who come in through Schools of Choice for the 2020-21 school year, will be placed at Athens High School for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **ONCE ALL SCHOOLS OF CHOICE SIBLING PREFERENCE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED HOW DOES THE PROCESS MOVE FORWARD?**

**KINDERGARTEN:** Thirty (30) slots are available for student placement. Once the Sibling Preference Applications window is closed, the Sibling Preference submitted applications will be numbered. When the Schools of Choice (Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference) Application window is closed those applications will be counted. If the total of both Sibling Preference and Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applications received is more than the 30 allotted slots, a **LOTTERY** will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Sibling Preference Applicants will be numbered first and the lottery will begin with the next number after the assigned Sibling Preference Applicants (i.e., If there are 20 Sibling Preference Applications received, the lottery will begin with #21 and there will be 10 slots available to Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applicants. All applications after #30 will remain on a waiting list).

**FIRST GRADE:** One (1) slot is available for student placement. Once the Sibling Preference Application window is closed, the Sibling Preference submitted applications will be numbered. When the Schools of Choice (Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference) Application window is closed, those applications will be counted. If the total of both Sibling Preference and Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applications received is more than the one allotted slot, a **LOTTERY** will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Sibling Preference Applicants will be numbered first and the lottery will begin with the next number after the assigned Sibling Preference Applicants (i.e., If there is one (1) Sibling Preference Application received, the lottery will begin with #2 and there will be no slots available to Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applicants. All applications after #1 will remain on a waiting list).

**SIXTH, SEVENTH, and EIGHTH GRADE:** Thirteen (13) slots are available for student placement. Once the Sibling Preference Application window is closed, the Sibling Preference submitted applications will be numbered. When the Schools of Choice (Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference) Application window is closed, those applications will be counted. If the total of both Sibling Preference and Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applications received is more than the 13 allotted slots, a **LOTTERY** will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Sibling Preference Applicants will be numbered first and the lottery will begin with the next number after the assigned Sibling Preference Applicants (i.e., If there are 10 Sibling Preference Applications received, the lottery will begin with #11 and there will be three (3) slots available to Non-Resident/Non-Sibling Preference Applicants. All applications after #13 will remain on a waiting list).

## **WHAT IF MY CHILD'S LOTTERY NUMBER IS ABOVE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SLOTS?**

If your child's lottery number is above the number of available slots, your student will be placed on a "waiting list." After all Schools of Choice enrollment is completed for the allotted slots for each grade level, the enrollment will be reviewed and if the approved slots have not been filled, we will revisit the list and enroll until we have reached the approved number of applications. Enrollment is also reviewed during the summer months and additional spots may be considered the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.

## **IF MY CHILD IS ADMITTED, HOW LONG CAN HE OR SHE REMAIN IN THE TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

If your child is admitted through the Schools of Choice Program, the student may remain in the District through graduation if the student complies with all guidelines for Schools of Choice, follows the Troy School District Code of Conduct and does not break enrollment (leave Troy School District and enroll in another District). Once enrolled, you do not need to apply each year to remain in the district.