



Schools of Choice - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Information for 2025-2026 School Year

Grades 1-12 will be open for limited enrollment. This means that, if there are more qualified applicants than openings for any of these grades, a random-draw lottery will be held to determine which students will be accepted into that grade. A waiting list will be maintained for all remaining qualified applicants. If additional openings become available, applicants on the waiting list may be enrolled through the end of the first week of school.

Kindergarten and Early Kindergarten enrollment is not limited for next school year.

When can I apply for Schools of Choice?

Schools of Choice applications will be available online starting Monday, April 7. The deadline for completed applications is 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 6. Late applications cannot be accepted.

KINDERGARTEN and EARLY KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS ONLY will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any student who does not live within the Lakeview School District boundaries but who lives within the boundaries of another Calhoun County public school district is eligible to apply. Students who reside in a district not served by the Calhoun Intermediate School District should contact the Enrollment Office at (269) 565-2410 for more information.

How/where do I apply?

During the Schools of Choice window, applications will be available online at www.lakeviewspartans.org.

When will I know if my child is accepted?

Letters of acceptance, denial and waiting-list status will be mailed on or before **May 21**. Parents of elementary applicants may first receive notification of district acceptance, then notification of building placement at a later date.

If my child is accepted, am I able to choose which elementary school my child will attend?

On the application form, parents are able to indicate a building preference. The district attempts to place students in the school of preference when possible but cannot guarantee placement at a particular school. Efforts are made to keep siblings at the same school when possible. You may receive notification of acceptance to the district first, and then receive notification of your child's specific building placement at a later date.

Are there any fees associated with Schools of Choice?

There is no fee/tuition associated with Schools of Choice application or enrollment.

My child was accepted through Schools of Choice last year. Do I need to reapply?

Your child's Schools of Choice status remains valid through graduation provided his or her

enrollment status is continuous at Lakeview School District. If your child withdraws from Lakeview and enrolls in another district, their status as a Schools of Choice student is no longer valid, and you must reapply during the next application period.

My child's sibling already attends Lakeview. Does that guarantee my child will also be accepted?

Siblings living in the same household as a currently enrolled student are not guaranteed acceptance; however, state law dictates that if a lottery is held due to limited space, siblings of a currently enrolled student receive preference over applicants who do *not* have siblings already enrolled at Lakeview.

How do you select which students are accepted?

A student with an expulsion or a student with a suspension during the previous two school years may not be accepted. Parents are required to disclose this information as part of the application process, and school officials also contact the previous school(s) of every applicant to verify accuracy before making any acceptance decision.

If a grade is open for **limited enrollment**, and there are more students who apply than there are spaces available at that grade level, the law requires that acceptance be determined by a random-draw lottery. Students with siblings already enrolled at Lakeview are the first names drawn, followed by all remaining qualified students. A waiting list of all qualified students who are not accepted is maintained in the event that spaces become available prior to the beginning of school. The order of the waiting list is determined by the order of names drawn in the lottery.

Do you provide transportation for Schools of Choice students?

Transportation of Schools of Choice students to and from school is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

My high school student is applying for Schools of Choice and wants to participate in athletics in the fall. Is this possible?

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rules and regulations outline the eligibility process for high school students changing districts through choice. Please visit www.mhsaa.com for current guidelines. Families may also contact Lakeview's athletic department for information at (269) 565-3711.

My child is already enrolled at a Lakeview elementary school and I would like him/her to attend a different Lakeview elementary school. Would I fill out a Schools of Choice application to make this request?

No, please fill out an "In-District Transfer Form," which is available by contacting our Central Office at (269) 565-2410.

If you have further questions about Schools of Choice, please call (269) 565-2410. Thank you for your interest in the Lakeview School District!