



## School of Choice Enrollment

*Opens: April 28, 2025, 8:00 AM*

*Closes: May 27, 2025, 4:00 PM*

**Gull Lake Community Schools will be accepting Young-5's through 12th grade School of Choice applications for the 2025-26 school year.**

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### General Information:

1. Complete one form for each student. All students within a family that apply are considered on an individual grade level basis.
2. Preference is given to siblings of students currently enrolled here under School of Choice
3. If your child is currently a student at Gull Lake and has moved outside the district boundaries, a School of Choice application must be submitted during this open window in order to be considered for continued enrollment.
4. If we receive more applications for a grade level than openings, a random drawing will occur. Those that are eligible and not selected will be placed on a waiting list.

We will accept a minimum of one student per grade level from Young 5's through 12th grade.

**Transportation:** Transportation is not provided by the school and is the responsibility of the parent and guardian.

**Attendance:** If your child is accepted as a School of Choice student, you are committing to having your child in school daily and on time. You are also committing to being involved in your child's education.

**Documentation:** If your child is accepted, you will be required to supply all of the following documentation and also complete online enrollment. Families will be notified by mail by June 14th, 2025.

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Valid Drivers License or current utility bill
- Current Transcript for High School

**Questions:** Please call Cindy Belz At 269-548-3423 or [Cbelz@gulllakecs.org](mailto:Cbelz@gulllakecs.org)

Applications can be picked up at 10100 East D. Avenue, Richland, Michigan 49083 or printed online at [www.gulllakecs.org](http://www.gulllakecs.org) on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 8:00 AM and may be returned any time before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 to the office of the Superintendent, 10100 East D. Avenue, Richland Michigan 49083. Gull Lake Community Schools accepts School of Choice applications for all of the grade levels identified above and is TUITION FREE for students who reside in the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency or in an Intermediate School District contiguous to the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, St. Joseph, and VanBuren) counties.

Please be advised that Gull Lake Community Schools will be a "School of Choice" district for the 2025-26 school year.

A non-resident applicant for admission to Gull Lake Community Schools under the School of Choice program shall not be granted or refused enrollment based on intellectual, academic, artistic, or other ability, talent, or accomplishments (or lack thereof), based on mental or physical disability. Gull Lake Community Schools will not grant or refuse enrollment based upon an applicant's religion, race, color, national origin, sex, height, weight, marital status, athletic ability, or for any other reason or characteristic in violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination in access to educational services. Applicants may also not be granted or refused enrollment based on age, except that Gull Lake Community Schools reserves the right to refuse to admit a non-resident applicant applying for a program that is not age appropriate for the applicant. Similarly, Gull Lake Community Schools may refuse to enroll or admit a non-resident applicant, if that applicant does not meet the same criteria, other than residence, that an applicant who is an educational resident of the District must meet to be accepted for enrollment in a grade, specialized, magnet, or intra-district choice school or program for which the applicant applies.

Gull Lake Community Schools may also refuse to enroll a non-resident applicant if: (a) the applicant is or has been with the preceding two (2) years, suspended from another school; or (b) the applicant has at any time been expelled from another school; or (c) the applicant has at any time been convicted of a felony. Preference for enrollment will be given to nonresident applicants who reside in the same household as a pupil currently enrolled in one of the District's programs. In the event applicants exceed current enrollment limits, a lottery system will be used to determine which pupils are permitted to enroll.

In order for Gull Lake Community Schools to enroll a non-resident pupil who resides in a school district located in a contiguous intermediate school district, and who is eligible for special educational programs and services, or who is a child with disabilities (as defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or its successor statute), Gull Lake Community Schools must have a written agreement with the applicant's resident school district for the purpose of providing the applicant with a free appropriate public education. This written agreement must include, but is not limited to, an agreement on the responsibility for the payment of added costs of special education programs and services for the applicant. The written agreement must also address how it can be amended in the event of the significant changes in the cost or level of special education programs or services required by the applicant.