SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

In accordance with District Policy, residents of the Merced City School District may apply to enroll their child(ren) in a School of Choice (SOC) other than their assigned school, if space is available.

Applications are available beginning January 4, 2027 online at www.mercedcsd.org

The deadline for submitting an application is: May 7, 2027.

Applications are not first-come, first served,
but will be processed based upon enrollment factors at the school.

A copy of the complete District Policy for the Schools of Choice Program is available by visiting our MCSD website at www.mercedcsd.org

This notice is being included in this Handbook as required by Education Code Section 489980.

ALL SCHOOLS OF CHOICE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR MUST
BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT WWW.MERCEDCSD.ORG **NO LATER THAN: May 7, 2027**

Approval/Denial of your application will not occur before the end of the third week of the new school year. That means that your child must be registered and consistently attending their home school and be in attendance there on the first day of school in order to be eligible for a School of Choice.

Applications will be selected by lottery to determine the order in which students may be accepted as openings occur.

Notification of approval will be by phone call or mail.

Applicants who receive approval must attend the approved School of Choice within 3 days of receiving notification.

Home to school transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

Please be advised that if an SOC is granted, the SOC requested school will become the child's permanent school of record for the remainder of their schooling in the Merced City School District. By accepting the SOC you are relinquishing your child's position at their current school of residence. If you want your child to return to the original school or any other school with the Merced City School District, you must fill out a new SOC application and abide by all rules and requirements.

Questions may be answered by calling (209) 381-2817.