

St. Joseph County School of Choice  
2020-2021

SPS is offering an unlimited School of Choice Program for 2020-2021.

The nine school districts in St. Joseph County, with the support of the ISD (Intermediate School District), are offering a School of Choice Program for 2019-20. This School of Choice Program allows families a choice to attend any public school within St. Joseph County ISD.

**The following schools are participating in the St. Joseph County School of Choice Program:**

- Burr Oak Community Schools
- Centreville Public Schools
- Colon Community Schools
- Constantine Public Schools
- Mendon Community Schools
- Nottawa Community School
- Sturgis Public Schools
- Three Rivers Community Schools
- White Pigeon Community Schools

**Question:** I am looking at the School of Choice program. What do I do now?

**Answer:** The best thing to do is to call **Karen Stimson at 269-659-1502**. She is located in the District Office at Sturgis Central Commons. You can get all of your questions answered and pick up an application packet or request mail delivery.

**Question:** What is the overall process for enrolling in School of Choice Program?

**Answer:**

1. Select your district of choice (where you want your child to attend)
2. Submit your child's completed application at the Sturgis Central Commons ASAP.
3. Receive notification of acceptance or non-acceptance from Sturgis Public Schools after the district has reviewed your child's application.
4. Complete necessary enrollment forms at your choice school listed on acceptance letter.

**Question:** What if I live in Branch (Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo or Van Buren) County?

**Answer:** There is a program agreement between counties, however there are two windows for acceptance per year, and the same restrictions apply. Call the number above for more information.

Return completed form to your  
Choice School  
Superintendent's Office  
ASAP.

St. Joseph County  
**Schools of Choice Application**

*If you have questions,  
please contact your  
Choice School  
Superintendent's Office  
(see next page for contact info)*

**District of Choice:**

*(Where the student would like to go to school)*

Student Name

Birthdate:

Address, City, State, Zip

School District in which you live:

Grade:

Where did the student last attend school?

Has the student been suspended from another school within the last 2 school years?  Yes  No

Has the student ever been expelled from another school?  Yes  No

Has the student ever been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No

Parent or Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Address, City, State, Zip

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Name and grade of student's siblings who are already attending Choice School District:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the rules, regulations, grading system, and graduation requirements of my Choice School District; I agree to abide by the School of Choice District's requirements; and I agree to provide proof of birthdate and immunization records to the School of Choice at the time of registration. Any misleading or incorrect information provided on this form will void this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student (if over 18) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No person on the basis of race, color, height, weight, marital status, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, genetic information, or any other legally protected status will be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any school district in St. Joseph County.

**RECORD RELEASE FORM**

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I hereby permit \_\_\_\_\_

(current school)

to release the records or copy of records of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(student)

(choice school)

Parent/Guardian Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As the student's records are necessary in program planning, we are requesting that you include any special help information (psychological, placement in remedial or accelerated programs, etc.). We thank you in advance for your prompt reply.

**FOR CHOICE SCHOOL USE ONLY**

Applicant Accepted for Enrollment – Contacted family (attach copy of "Notification of Acceptance" Letter).

Applicant Not Accepted for Enrollment – Contacted family (attach copy of "Notification of Non-Acceptance" Letter).

Choice School's Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_