

Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association

Collaborative Schools of Choice Program 2010-2011

The plan is open to all families within Kent ISD. All students are eligible regardless of grade level, ethnic background or student ability. The only limit on movement between school districts is the space available in the desired district.

Parents Can Apply By:

- Requesting a Schools of Choice application form from their resident district or choice district during the application period, **Monday, April 12 through Friday, June 4.**
- Completing and returning the application to the district of choice by the **4 p.m. deadline on June 4.**

Note: Only one total application should be submitted per student.

Other Important Deadlines:

- Parents will be notified if their student was accepted into the district of choice no later than **June 18.**
- Parents must confirm this decision with the school district by **July 2.**

Special Considerations for Parents & Students

Michigan law and the Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association agree that siblings should be kept together in a single district whenever possible. As a result, siblings of current Choice students may receive preference in filling district openings.

Transportation is **NOT** provided for Schools of Choice students; parents must provide their own transportation.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires students to wait one semester after enrolling in a new district (under Schools of Choice) before they can participate in athletics.



To learn about school districts for your child, go to www.kentisd.org

Additional Notes for Parents

- Be sure to indicate alternate school choices on the form, in case the district of choice has more applications than openings and must then have a lottery. Applications of students not selected in the lottery will be automatically forwarded to the alternate choices listed on the form and/or placed on a waiting list.
- Waiting lists will be created at the districts and parents will be notified if spaces become available. Districts with unused openings will hold those openings until the first day of school.
- Once enrolled through Schools of Choice that student can remain in the district for his or her entire school career. His or her siblings **may** also be accepted by the district.



Highlights

- Dual Enrollment, AP courses, and online learning available
- Early Childhood Center/pre-school offerings
- Childcare available along with before and after school care
- K-12 club offerings
- Literacy instruction and information based on research-proven strategies
- Emphasis on family and community involvement
- Career Pathways available to every student
- High MEAP scores
- A value-driven, caring and compassionate staff
- Low teacher/student ratio

Something for Every Student

Sparta Area Schools has something for every student. Located north of Grand Rapids, our district has an early childhood center, two elementary buildings, a middle school and two high schools. We offer a comprehensive selection of academic and extra-curricular programs for our students, including interscholastic sports, music, drama and art programs, providing all students with a full range of opportunities.

At the pre-school and elementary levels, we have several childcare and pre-school programs. Our K-5 curriculum focuses on literacy and mathematics instruction, and includes enrichment opportunities in many other academic areas. Sparta Middle School, a Blue Ribbon Award of Excellence recipient, offers a well-rounded education to students in a safe, caring and orderly environment.

Sparta High School is a beautiful facility overlooking Sparta. This facility offers the newest technology for our students in an environment conducive to learning. The high school offers a block schedule that includes many Advanced Placement courses to help students gain an academic edge. The extra-curricular offerings continue to expand. Englishville Alternative High School offers a smaller learning environment which greatly assists identified students.

The community is fully invested in our school district. In addition to our high school, our middle school and upper elementary have undergone extensive remodeling, while technology has been upgraded at all levels. Developing the whole child, to his/her maximum potential, is our goal.

An individualized quality education is our focus, and Sparta has a history of student achievement that exceeds state and county cohort averages. We welcome you to visit our buildings and see first-hand what Sparta Area Schools has to offer you and your children.

For more information contact Shelly Dunneback at 616.887.8253

Spaces available for 2010-2011
Accepting 200 students total across grades K-12