

Menominee County SCHOOLS OF CHOICE Program

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*Students are eligible to participate in Michigan High School Athletic Association activities following MHSAA guidelines.

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SCHOOLS OF CHOICE Application Procedure

In an effort to provide a quality education for all students, the Menominee County Intermediate School District, in cooperation with its constituent districts, is offering a "Schools of Choice Program." The program allows parents and students a choice to attend any public school in Menominee County, regardless of where they live. The following information is provided to assist you in completing the application process.

1. The application must be fully completed. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the application.
2. Visitation and meeting with the choice district official is required.
3. Completed applications must be submitted to the Superintendents' Office of the district you wish to enroll your child in.

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**A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT THE MENOMINEE COUNTY
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM**

In an effort to provide quality education to all students in the Intermediate School District, the Menominee County Intermediate School District (I.S.D.) in cooperation with Carney Nadeau Public Schools, Menominee Area Public Schools, North Central Area Schools, and Stephenson Area Public Schools is offering a Schools of Choice Program. The Menominee County Schools of Choice Program allows parents and students an opportunity to attend those three public schools in Menominee County.

This brochure is designed to help parents learn about the program and the policies and procedures that have been developed to ensure student success. Information regarding graduation requirements, application policies and athletics are included.

The Menominee County Schools of Choice Program provides open enrollment opportunities for 1st and 2nd semester. For the first semester applications need to be received between August 4th and August 28th for the second semester, applications need to be received between January 8th and January 22nd.

Schools receiving applications after the deadlines shall be handled on a case by case basis. Final determination shall be mutually agreed by the districts involved. Consult your local school district calendar for that date.

To receive a copy of the Schools of Choice application, contact your local School Superintendent's office or the Menominee County Intermediate School District.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MENOMINEE COUNTY SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The application process for the Menominee County ISD Schools of Choice program has been designed to guarantee all applicants a fair and equitable opportunity. Parents or guardians should be aware of the application timelines, length of transfers and graduation requirements. Listed below are the guidelines regarding the application process.

1. Transfers under the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program need to occur two weeks prior to the semester break in January.
2. The number of transfers allowed by participating districts under the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program is determined by the participating district using criteria such as space availability in participating district, space in building, programs, grades, contractual class size limits, special programs, etc.
3. All participants in the Menominee County Schools of Choice program are expected to attend their school of choice for the entire year.
4. A district may refuse to enroll a nonresident applicant, if the applicant is, or has been within the preceding two years, suspended from another school, or if the applicant has ever been expelled from another school.
5. A student approved for transfer to a choice district is allowed to remain in the choice district until his/her class graduates from that school. The student does not need to reapply for admission to the same choice school each year once approved for transfer under the Menominee County Schools of Choice program.
6. Applications for the Menominee County Schools of Choice program will be available from the Superintendent's office of each school district or at the Menominee County Intermediate School District office, 1201 - 41st Avenue, Menominee, MI.
7. Parents, guardians and students desiring to participate in the Menominee County Schools of Choice program are required to meet with a building administrator or district representative of the choice school to discuss school rules, curriculum, parent involvement, graduation requirements, grade placement and other school related issues.

8. Schools of Choice applications allow students to list their building and grade choices. There is no guarantee that space in the schools selected will be available.
9. A student requesting a transfer is allowed to request which districts, building program or special program he/she would like to attend, but requests for specific teachers will not be allowed.
10. An application form must be completed for each student wishing to participate in the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program. There are no guarantees of any siblings receiving admission into the Menominee County Schools of Choice program.
11. If there are more requests for admission to a building, grade, or special program than space available under the Menominee County Schools of Choice program, a random selection process will be held to determine which applicants will be accepted for transfer to that building, grade, special program, etc. The random selection process will be coordinated by the Menominee County Schools of Choice application committee.

ATHLETIC POLICY

The focus of the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program is based on academics, not athletics. Therefore, students and parent or guardians should be aware of the following conditions for transferring.

Students will follow the choice district's policies for participation in the schools' athletic activities.

A student athlete (junior high/middle school/high school) participating in a Menominee County Schools of Choice Program is eligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest according to the rules and regulations as defined and governed by Michigan High School Athletic Association, MHSAA. Parents are recommended to contact the Athletic Director of the choice school as to their child's eligibility and the possibility of a waiting period.

GRADUATION/PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS AND CURRICULUM ISSUES

Each school district in Menominee County ISD has developed a curriculum that is based on the MME/Common Core State Standards. In addition, each district has its own locally approved grading system and graduation requirements. While there are some similarities of requirements among districts, parents or guardians should be aware of the following conditions of the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program:

1. Participants are required to graduate with the number of credits and any other requirements determined by the district they are attending at the time of graduation.
2. Before a student transfer actually takes place, parents or guardians and student will be required to meet with a counselor/administrator in the choice of school district to review all rules, regulations, grading system and graduation requirements. Parents or guardians of high school students or age of majority students must sign a waiver, which will accompany the Schools of Choice application. The waiver states that they have read and agree to abide by the choice school district graduation requirements.
3. All districts will supply, at the request of parents or guardians, a current listing of graduation requirements for the high school they wish to have their child attend. To receive a copy of graduation requirements, parents or guardians should contact the high school principal of the school of choice.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is a key issue in the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program. The following is a list of the transportation guidelines for the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program:

1. Choice students will be provided information on potential available transportation from the choice district superintendent.
2. Districts are not required to transport outside of their district boundaries.
3. Parents or guardians will assume responsibility for the safety of the child at the bus stop.
4. Students participating in the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program who are eligible to ride a school bus, are required to follow rules, regulations and bus discipline policy of the choice district.
5. Menominee County Schools of Choice participants will be expected to arrive at the choice school on time every day.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Boards of Education of the participating school districts comply with all federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the United States Department of Education and the Michigan State Department of Education.

It is also the policy of the participating Boards of Education that no person on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, limited English, and handicap shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program, employment practice, or activity from the United States Department of Education or the Michigan State Department of Education. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Applications for the Menominee County Schools of Choice Program may be obtained at any of the following locations:

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