

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING UNDER SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Fitzgerald Public Schools agrees to consider nonresident students residing in the same intermediate school district or in a contiguous intermediate school district for admission under the District's Schools of Choice Program.

Projected enrollment of resident-school students must be determined by each principal by no later than a date determined by the Superintendent.

The number of openings in a particular program for schools of choice students will be determined by optimum size for a particular program or classroom which is the number of students that can be accommodated without increasing District expenditures for staff or equipment.

Application for Admission with Limited Number of Positions

Applications are available to non residents of Fitzgerald Public Schools, who live in Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Lapeer or St. Clair Counties. A brochure accompanies the application clearly stating the grades and programs that are available.

The application for admission states the date the forms are to be returned to Fitzgerald Public Schools.

Eligibility for School of Choice application is clearly defined in the brochure and on the application: the family must reside in Macomb county or in a contiguous county, the student should have no history of expulsion or suspension, and the family is responsible for the student's transportation.

A Parent/legal guardian must sign the application agreeing to the policies and regulations of Michigan and Fitzgerald Public Schools regarding Schools of Choice.

Families are notified by U.S. mail of acceptance or denial. Acceptance forms and registration procedures and immunization requirements are sent to the families at that time.

Families must register students prior to the start of the school year. We cannot enroll any School of Choice students after the first week of school.

If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available for a particular grade or program, the following selection procedure shall be used:

- A. resident students (who will be moving out of the District in the summer)
- B. school of choice siblings
- C. random draw

Participation in interscholastic athletics must comply with pertinent regulations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and any relevant league standards regarding eligibility of transfer students for participation in interscholastic athletics.