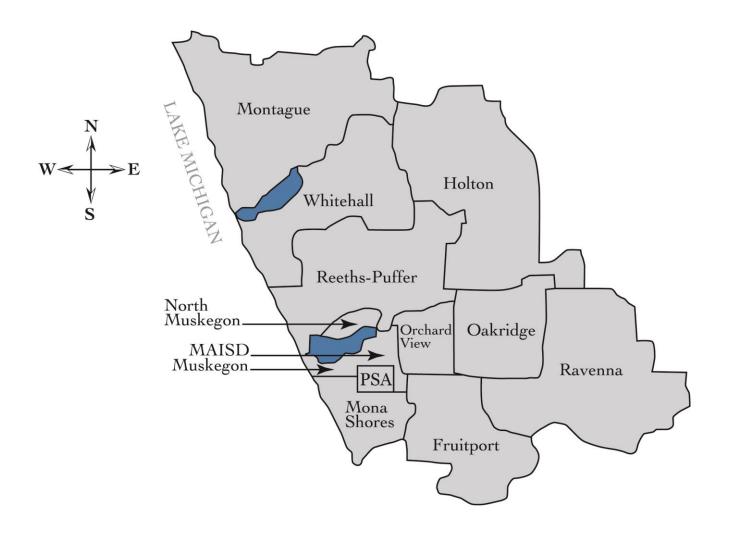


### **Collaborative Schools of Choice Program**



A plan that offers parents and students a choice to attend other public schools in the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District outside of their district of residence.

# The Schools of Choice application process operates according to established guidelines which are:

- Each district within the Muskegon Area ISD may accept students based on district-identified capacity by grade level, class section, and building.
- If the demand for student placement exceeds space available in a grade level, class section, building, or program, a random draw will be used to determine which choice students will be allowed into the district.
- Districts may refuse to accept a choice student who has been suspended by another district in the previous two years, who has ever been expelled by another district, or who has ever been convicted of a felony.
- Students must enroll in the receiving school district at the beginning of the school year and are expected to make a one-year commitment to remain in the district.

# Graduation/Promotion Requirements and Curriculum/Class Scheduling:

- Parents, guardians, and students participating in the Choice Program for the first time are required to meet with a building administrator or counselor prior to the start of school.
- Choice students must meet graduation, promotion, curriculum, and credit requirements of the choice district in which they enroll.

### **Transportation:**

• Parents and guardians are responsible for transporting choice students to and from their choice school.

### **Athletics Policy:**

• Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rules and regulations apply to all students participating in interscholastic athletics.

## Application Procedures for Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program:

- Applications for Schools of Choice may be requested at the resident or choice district's central office between May 1 and May 30. An online form is also available.
- Return the completed form to the choice district by May 30.
- There is no guarantee that space will be available in the building selected.
- Parents will be notified of acceptance by the choice district by July 1.
- Parents will verify attendance in the choice district by the 2nd Monday in July.

#### **Definitions**

**District:** The district where a non-resident student attends through the schools of choice program.

**Resident District:** The district where the student lives.

If you have questions about the Muskegon Area ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, please call your resident or choice district.

The School Boards of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District 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.



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#### COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

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Superintendent: Mr. Jason Kennedy

#### Holton Public Schools

6500 Fourth Street Holton, MI 49425 Phone: (231) 821-1700

Superintendent: Dr. Adam Bayne

#### Mona Shores Public Schools

121 Randall Road Norton Shores, MI 49441 Phone: (231) 780-4751

Superintendent: Mr. Bill O'Brien

#### Montague Area Public Schools

4882 Stanton Boulevard Montague, MI 49437 Phone: (231) 893-1515

Superintendent: Mr. Jeff Johnson

#### Muskegon Public Schools

1458 5<sup>th</sup> Street Muskegon, MI 49440 Phone: (231) 720-2001

Superintendent: Mr. Matt Cortez

#### North Muskegon Public Schools

1600 Mills Avenue North Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: (231) 719-4100

Superintendent: Dr. Curt Babcock

#### Oakridge Public Schools

275 South Wolf Lake Road Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: (231) 788-7100

Superintendent: Mr. Tom Livezey

#### Orchard View Schools

35 South Sheridan Drive Muskegon, MI 49442 Phone: (231) 760-1300

Superintendent: Mr. Jim Nielsen

#### Ravenna Public Schools

12322 Stafford Street Ravenna, MI 49451 Phone: (231) 853-2231

Superintendent: Mr. Greg Helmer

#### Reeths-Puffer Schools

991 West Giles Road Muskegon, MI 49445 Phone: (231) 744-4736

Superintendent: Mr. Steve Edwards

#### Whitehall District Schools

541 East Slocum Street Whitehall, MI 49461 Phone: (231) 893-1003

Superintendent: Dr. Jerry McDowell