

**East China School District
IN-DISTRICT SCHOOL OF CHOICE
2020-2021 APPLICATION**

PARENT / GUARDIAN SECTION

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

	*Student Name	Grade Level 2020-2021	Building Currently Attending	Building Would Attend if Assigned By Residence
Student 1				
Student 2				
Student 3				

Building(s) Requested for School of Choice			
	First Choice	Alternate Choice #1	Alternate Choice #2
Student 1			
Student 2			
Student 3			

_____ I do not want my children to participate if all children listed cannot be accommodated by the School of Choice program.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Note: Please include the name(s) of anticipated kindergartners for the 2020-21 school year if you would like them to participate in School of Choice (even if they are not yet enrolled).

ADMINISTRATION DETERMINATION

Grade Confirmed: Yes No **Determination:** Approved Denied

Reason if Denied: _____

Date: _____ **Administration:** _____

Completed form must be received by **March 31, 2020, 4:00 PM** at:

**East China Administrative Offices
Attn: Enrollment
1585 Meisner Road
East China, MI 48054
Phone: 810.676.1031
Fax: 810.676.1034**

East China School District

GUIDELINES FOR IN-DISTRICT SCHOOL OF CHOICE

2020-2021

The East China In-District School of Choice program is available to students whose parents reside in the East China School District. The enrollment application period for the 2020-2021 school year is **March 2, 2020** through **March 31, 2020**. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline, except for extenuating circumstances.

GUIDELINES:

- Placement will be made primarily on availability of space and sections at the grade and school being requested. If an applicant has had a record of poor discipline or attendance, the District may deny the application.
- All children from a family requesting consideration must be listed on one application.
- Please include the name(s) of anticipated kindergarten student(s) for the 2020-21 school year who you would like considered for School of Choice (even though that child may not be enrolled). Kindergarten students whose siblings already attend the choice school and who live in the same household will receive preference over other applicants.
- Participants are required to attend the approved school of choice building for the entire school year. No mid-year transfers are allowed. The building principal will make classroom assignments.
- Approved School of Choice students will be assigned to the approved building until the parent gives written notification to the District, during the annual enrollment application period, that participation is no longer desired. Once approved for participation in the In-District Schools of Choice program, students do not need to reapply annually unless they want to transfer out of the Choice school. Requests to transfer must be processed through and are subject to the guidelines of the In-District Schools of Choice selection process.
- Placement will be made in accordance with State regulations at the time of application. Per State law, students of employees residing outside of the East China School District will be given preference for approval. The East China School District will follow those same guidelines for all students of employees residing inside of the East China School District as well.
- The In-District School of Choice becomes the “home” school. “Home” school grade progression follows to the next level(s); e.g., a St. Clair student who “chooses” a Marine City elementary will automatically be assigned to attend Marine City Middle School and Marine City High School.
- Parents must provide transportation to and from the School of Choice location. Failure to provide consistent, timely transportation may result in a required return to the student’s school of residence. Transportation *may* be available for students to and from the school of choice at the nearest approved bus stop *providing space is available on the bus*.
- The District will notify parents no later than April 30, 2020 of its decision regarding the request for School of Choice.
- Denials may be made based on any of the following: enrollment, academic standing, attendance, and behavior.
- The District will consider requests for the approval of In-District School of Choice based on availability of space and that fall within the following guidelines:

Secondary: Requests will be considered unless approval would require the opening of new teaching sections.

Elementary: Efforts will be made to equalize numbers within grade levels. Requests will be considered unless approval would require the opening of new teaching sections.

A certain number of spaces will be reserved for move-in families.

In the event more applications are received for a particular school and grade than there is allowable space, a random drawing will be used to determine the approved applications. If the selected applicant withdraws from participation within ten (10) days of notification, the next applicant in priority order, as determined by the random selection, will be given the opportunity to participate.