

# WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Schools of Choice Guidelines

### SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PLAN

The Waterford School District Mission Statement is to guarantee that every school in Waterford will offer a quality education program to all of its students.

We believe that there should be common learning and standards for all of our students. For that reason, we offer the same basic educational program in all of the elementary schools, in each of the middle schools, and in both high schools. We also believe in school improvement and support the creative efforts of individual staffs and parents in each of our schools to provide programs of instruction that will meet student needs and ensure quality education.

We realize, however, that each child is unique and that learning styles can and do differ. In order for each child to be successful in learning, the educational program offered in elementary, middle or senior high schools must provide different methods of instruction, materials, and schedules.

The Waterford School District supports the concept of *Schools of Choice* for parents and students. This provides the opportunity for students to attend schools outside their school district of residence. The school district will make every effort to communicate the options available to parents and students. At the same time, students and parents can be assured that high educational expectations, common standards, and quality will be found at *any* Waterford school.

Schools of Choice students will **NOT** have the choice of selecting the middle or high school that they attend. The school district will make the selection at the appropriate time, based on space available in the middle and high schools.

We are pleased that you are interested in having your child attend the Waterford School District Schools of Choice Program. The following information will further explain and provide a process for having your son or daughter considered for acceptance.

### Application Information & Criteria

Please read the following information and criteria from the Waterford School District Schools of Choice Program carefully prior to applying:

1. Unlimited applications are being accepted for **Kindergarten only**. Please note: **Not every building will have space available**.
2. Students must be residents of Oakland County.
3. If a Kindergarten application is being considered, all required immunizations must be completed and up-to-date.
4. All applications will be screened for accurate information. If the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available, the District will use a random draw to select the applicants who will be considered for enrollment. Space will be determined each year on a grade-by-grade and school-by-school basis.
5. The Waterford School District is not responsible for providing transportation for nonresident students.
6. If the need arises to change the boundaries of any school for the purpose of redistricting students, any schools of choice students involved could be the first students asked to transfer to another school within the Waterford School District.
7. Students are expected to arrive and depart from school on time. Students who are excessively absent or tardy could be asked to return to their home district. It is expected that parents will pick up students on time when they are attending an after school or evening event.
8. A fee-based child care program is available in most schools. Please call our Child Care Services for additional information at 248.738.4794.
9. All Student Code of Conduct rules, procedures, and policies will apply to all students who enter the Waterford School District under the Schools of Choice guidelines and procedures. A violation for the Code of Conduct could result in removal from the Waterford School District.

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10. Falsification of requested information may disqualify applicant from being considered for admission.
11. If a student is receiving special education services, an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.) must accompany the application.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

1. You will be notified via U.S. mail/e-mail after May 15, 2011, of the status of your request.
2. Enrollment in the District must be completed within two weeks of receiving an acceptance letter. If enrollment is not completed within the two week period, the space for your child will be forfeited.

Once accepted, students may remain in the District until graduation providing the student is **continuously enrolled** and if they **comply with all guidelines**.