

# Kalamazoo Public Schools

## SCHOOLS OF CHOICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### Who should complete a Schools of Choice form ?

Caregivers need to complete a School of Choice request form **only if you are requesting a change of schools for next year**. If your child will be returning to the same school or transitioning to their assigned middle or high school, then no action is needed. Requests will be evaluated based on a number of factors including the availability of space.

Examples	Action needed
Student is in 3rd grade at King-Westwood and will attend the same school next year.	None
Student is in 5th grade at Milwood Elementary and will attend their assigned boundary school for 6th grade, Milwood Middle School.	None
Student is in 1st grade at Washington Writers' Academy but would like to attend Edison Academy for 2nd grade	Complete a School of Choice form
Student is in 5th grade at El Sol and is assigned to Linden Grove for 6th grade but would like to attend Maple Street	Complete a School of Choice form

### What happens if I don't complete a Schools of Choice form?

Your child will attend the same school next year. Or, if they are moving from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school, they will attend their assigned middle or high school.

### Is transportation provided to all schools?

Elementary students (K-5) are eligible for transportation if they reside more than one mile from the school, and they are attending their designated boundary school or a magnet school. Secondary students (6-12) are eligible for transportation if they reside more than one and one-half miles from the school, and they are attending their designated boundary school or a magnet school. **If you choose to send your student to a school that is not a magnet school, and it is located outside of their designated boundary, transportation is NOT**

**provided.** (Elementary magnet schools are: Edison, El Sol, Lincoln, Northglade, Spring Valley, Washington, Woods Lake, and Woodward. Secondary magnet schools are Maple Street and Milwood Magnet.)

**Will there be a fully virtual option for 2024-25?**

Yes. We continue to have a fully virtual program for students in grades 3-12.

**When is the form due?**

Friday, March 1, 2024.

**How do I return the Schools of Choice form?**

They can be filled out in the PowerSchool Parent Portal online or on your phone using the PowerSchool app. Directions on how to access the portal and fill out the form can be found on our [website](#).

**If we completed a School of Choice form, when will we be notified of our school assignment for 2024-25?**

You will be notified in early April.

**When will we be notified about transportation for 2024-25?**

If your student is eligible for transportation, a letter will be sent in August.

**Do I include an incoming kindergarten student on this form?**

No. Registration will open on March 1 for incoming Kindergarten students or for students who will be new to KPS next year. Children who turn 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year.

**Are all KPS students eligible for The Kalamazoo Promise?**

All students who graduate from KPS, reside in the district, and have been KPS students for four years or more (enrollment and residency must be continuous) are eligible for The Kalamazoo Promise. This generous and extraordinary gift has been in place for over 15 years. For further information, please visit their [website](#).

**What do I do if we live in the county, but we are outside of KPS boundaries?**

You must complete a Request to Enroll form and obtain a release from your home school district.

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**What happens if we move before next school year?**

If there are any changes, please notify Student Services at (269) 337-0161 or at [student\\_services@kalamazoopublicschools.net](mailto:student_services@kalamazoopublicschools.net).