

Clinton Community Schools

Public Notice

Limited Schools of Choice Program

Date: May 21, 2024

Background Information: At a regular meeting of the Clinton Community Schools' Board of Education held on May 20, 2024, the Board of Education acted to adopt the recommendation of the Superintendent that Clinton Community Schools adopt a limited schools of choice program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Reason: Clinton Community Schools desires to maintain small class sizes and existing facility limitations have led the District's administration and Board of Education to conclude that it is necessary to limit the number of school of choice students enrolled in the District to preserve the high-quality educational programming offered by the District.

Schools Impacted: Clinton Elementary School¹

Grades Impacted: Young Fives, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth

Application Period: Clinton Community Schools will accept schools of choice applications from non-resident students seeking enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year in:

Young Fives, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth grade for first semester beginning on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, continuing for at least 15 additional calendar days, through Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh or Twelfth grades for first semester beginning on May 22, 2024 through Thursday, August 29, 2024.

Application Form: The application form is available on the District's website at: <https://miclintonschools.org/about/school-of-choice/>, or may be picked up from any Clinton Community Schools' school office.

1st Semester Submission: Completed application forms for Grades Y5 – 5 should be submitted to *Clinton Elementary School* no later than the end of the day on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 200 E. Franklin St., Clinton, MI.

Completed application forms for Grades 6-12 should be submitted no later than the end of the day on Thursday, August 29, 2024 to:
Clinton Middle School (Grades 6 – 8), 100 E. Franklin St., Clinton, MI
Clinton High School (Grades 9-12), 340 E. Michigan Ave., Clinton, MI

Eligible Nonresident Students: Students who reside in another constituent school district of the Lenawee Intermediate School District (Addison, Adrian, Blissfield, Britton Deerfield, Hudson, Madison, Morenci, Onsted, Sand Creek, Tecumseh) or students who reside in a contiguous intermediate school district to the Lenawee Intermediate School District (Hillsdale, Jackson, Monroe, or Washtenaw).

Frequently Asked Questions Related to the Limited Schools of Choice Program

1. *Has the District determined what the student enrollment limitations will be per grade level for the 2024-2025 school year?*

Yes, at the present time, Clinton Community Schools has determined that non-resident enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will be limited as necessary to ensure that the total number of students in each grade level does not exceed the following:

Young Fives: 48 students	Third: 96 students
Kindergarten: 96 students	Fourth: 104 students
First: 96 students	Fifth: 104 students
Second: 96 students	

2. *How will the District determine which students are offered enrollment?*

Pursuant to the requirements of Michigan's State School Aid Act, if the District receives more applications for enrollment than available slots for each grade, the District will hold a random drawing (not later than Friday, June 14, 2024) to determine which students are offered enrollment. Those students who are not offered enrollment will be placed on a wait list in the order in which their application was drawn. The District will provide notice to all applicants of their status after the drawing. For those students who are offered enrollment, the District will inform the student of the date by which the student must enroll in the District and will also include the procedures for enrollment.

3. *Is priority provided to any students or are all subject to the random draw process?*

In accordance with Michigan law, priority is given to those students who reside in the same household as a nonresident student who is enrolled in Clinton Community Schools at the time of the random draw.

4. *Are there any reasons why Clinton Community Schools may elect not to offer enrollment to a school of choice applicant besides not being selected through the random draw process?*

Yes, Clinton Community Schools may refuse to offer enrollment to nonresident students who:

- Do not meet the same criteria, other than residence, that an applicant who is a resident of the District must meet to be accepted for enrollment;
- Are, or have been within the preceding two years, suspended from another school;
- Are or have at any time been expelled from another school; or
- Have been convicted of a felony

No student will be refused enrollment based on age, except in the case of an applicant for a program not appropriate for his/her age, religion, race, color, national origin, sex, height, weight, marital status or athletic ability, or, generally, in violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination.

¹ Only Clinton Elementary School has caps for school of choice applicants; there are no limitations placed on Clinton Middle School or Clinton High School enrollments.