

# Allen Park Public Schools

## Limited Schools of Choice Program for Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for 2016-17 School Year

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Welcome to Allen Park Public Schools, a district with a tradition of *an uncompromising commitment to excellence*. The APPS has established a successful Schools of Choice Program for the past several years and the Board of Education has approved continuation of the program for the 2016-17 School Year.

- **We are proud to be an outstanding educational choice for your child's education and here are just a few reasons why:**
  - All schools and district are accredited by AdvancED/NCA.
  - Children thrive in our safe, nurturing and engaging environment.
  - A robust, diverse curriculum framework prepares students for an ever-changing world.
  - Curriculum review cycle keeps instruction and resources updated.
  - Full day Young 5's Program and Kindergarten offered.
  - 100% of our dedicated and caring teachers are certified and NCLB Highly Qualified.
  - Long Range Strategic Plan adopted by the Board of Education.
  - Responsible practices in financial planning.
  - Web-based parent communication, *ParentConnection*.
  - Today's technology and modernized facilities.
  - A strong PTA/PTSA and volunteer program.
  
- **What is the timeline for applications?**
  - Application forms for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be available beginning Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Riley Education Center, 9601 Vine, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that we are unable to accept any applications until April 18.
  - **Completed application forms for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be accepted from Monday, April 18 through Friday, May 6, 2016** at the Riley Education Center, 9601 Vine, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed applications must be presented in person by either parent/legal guardian to make certain that all information is provided to the APPS when submitting.
  - NOTE: If any information is found to be inaccurate or false, the application will no longer be considered for acceptance.
  
- **Is there sibling preference?**

By law, the siblings of Schools of Choice students (already attending APPS) have first priority if an opening exists. However, parents must complete the necessary application paperwork during the open application period. If the number of siblings seeking to enroll exceeds the number of available positions at that grade level, a sibling random draw selection will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, prior to the random draw selection for all remaining applicants.
  
- **When will I know if my child has been accepted as a Schools of Choice student?**

A random draw selection will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. in the Riley Education Center Cafeteria. Public is welcome to attend. The draw will determine numerical selection for acceptance of candidates.

It is the policy of the Allen Park Public Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, service or in employment.

Within fifteen calendar days after the end of the application period, parents will be notified via U.S. Mail of whether or not the applicant may enroll. Specific school placements of Schools of Choice students will be assigned after review of all school enrollment data.

**Important Deadline:** If notified of acceptance in the Schools of Choice Program, applicants are encouraged to complete enrollment paperwork as soon as possible. The deadline to finalize the enrollment process is **Monday, August 15, 2016**. If the enrollment is not completed by this date, the student's space will be forfeited.

**Wait List:** Those not selected will be placed on a wait list, and called in numerical selection order as positions become available.

- **Is there an orientation for Schools of Choice families?**  
A new student orientation will be held in each building for newly enrolled and Schools of Choice families the week prior to Labor Day.
- **Will Schools of Choice guarantee my child's path through all subsequent levels in APPS?**  
Yes. After completion of any given level (i.e., elementary or middle) the student will advance to subsequent level as appropriate.
- **If I am participating in APPS Schools of Choice and I move within Wayne County, can my child continue to attend APPS?**  
Yes. Please report any change of address within Wayne County to the Pupil Accounting Office at the Riley Education Center, 9601 Vine.
- **If I am participating in APPS Schools of Choice and I move out of Wayne County, can my child continue to attend APPS?**  
No. At the end of the current semester, the student must register in his/her home residence district.
- **Will my child receive transportation?**  
Transportation is not provided to Schools of Choice students and is the responsibility of the parent. Students are expected to arrive and depart from school on time.
- **For more information about the Schools of Choice program, please call (313) 827-2105.**

*The **Allen Park Community School** is a Schools of Choice Option geared toward students **ages 14-19** that have experienced a lack of success in the traditional high school setting. The purpose of the Allen Park Community School Family is to introduce, increase and enhance the social skills, academic ability, civic responsibility and creative expression of the individual in an atmosphere that promotes and supports a sense of community, belonging and the development of a positive image.*

*For more information and an application for the **Allen Park Community School**, please contact: **(313) 827-2660**.*