

Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association

Collaborative Schools of Choice Program 2009-2010

Thornapple Kellogg Schools

The plan is open to all families within Kent ISD. All students are eligible regardless of grade level, ethnic background or student ability. The only limit on movement between school districts is the space available in the desired district.

Parents Can Apply By:

- Requesting a Schools of Choice application form from their resident district or choice district during the application period, **Monday, April 13 through Friday, June 5.**
- Completing and returning the application to the district of choice by the **4 p.m. deadline on June 5.**

Note: Only one total application should be submitted per student.

Other Important Deadlines:

- Parents will be notified if their student was accepted into the district of choice no later than **June 19.**
- Parents must confirm this decision with the school district by **July 1.**

Special Considerations for Parents & Students

Michigan law and the Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association agree that siblings should be kept together in a single district whenever possible. As a result, siblings of current Choice students may receive preference in filling district openings.

Transportation is **NOT** provided for Schools of Choice students; parents must provide their own transportation.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires students to wait one semester after enrolling in a new district (under Schools of Choice) before they can participate in athletics.



**To learn about school districts
for your child, go to
www.kentisd.org**

Additional Notes for Parents

- Be sure to indicate alternate school choices on the form, in case the district of choice has more applications than openings and must then have a lottery. Applications of students not selected in the lottery will be automatically forwarded to the alternate choices listed on the form and/or placed on a waiting list.
- Waiting lists will be created at the districts and parents will be notified if spaces become available. Districts with unused openings will hold those openings until the first day of school.
- Once enrolled through Schools of Choice that student can remain in the district for his or her entire school career. His or her siblings may also be accepted by the district.



Highlights:

- Among the highest ranked Kent County schools in MEAP scores
- All schools met Adequate Yearly Progress on MI School Report Card – all A's
- Elementaries provide strong emphasis in reading, writing, and mathematics
- Aligned curriculum K-12 provides for flawless transitions
- Integrated technology at all grade levels, updated software and technology staff
- Character Education program K-12
- High school offers Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, college credit courses, and on-line courses
- Safe, secure learning environment
- Highly successful athletic program with numerous championships
- A before and after school childcare program

For more information contact Tom Enslin, Assistant Superintendent at 269.795.5522

Spaces available for 2009-2010

Accepting 77 students total in grades K-12 through Schools of Choice and 105c

To Encourage and Develop the Positive Potential of Each Student

Small town values combine with big city opportunities in the Thornapple Kellogg School District located in Middleville. Founded in 1838, TK has a long tradition of quality, caring, and commitment.

From the first day of pre-school through high school graduation, our services focus on the needs of each student. Early childhood education is available through our pre-school and Bright Beginnings programs. McFall Elementary, recipient of the prestigious Glasser Quality Schools award, serves kindergarten and first grade students. Lee Elementary (2-3) and Page Elementary (4-5) provide developmentally appropriate environments fostering student achievement in the basics and beyond. Our middle school is a state of the art facility designed to challenge students in academic and exploratory courses. The high school operates on trimesters, offering many options to best meet student needs. The Career Pathways framework prepares students through college prep or skilled vocational employment programs. Davenport University has partnered with the high school, giving students opportunities to earn college credit through courses taught at TK.

The Thornapple Kellogg School District is in the final stages of a \$29 million construction project which will provide our students with improved and expanded facilities, as well as a new state-of-the-art auditorium. Through the community's support we have been able to continually improve our facilities and, as a result, improve teaching and learning. Support is also demonstrated through community involvement within the schools, including mentoring programs, volunteering in classrooms, and participation in PTO and booster organizations. Additional information on individual building programs and our current strategic plan is available on our web site. At TK, "To encourage and develop the positive potential of each student" is more than just a mission statement - it is the focus of all our educational efforts.