

# NEWAYGO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Schools of Choice

**BIG JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WHITE CLOUD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

In an effort to provide a quality education for all students in the region, public schools in Newaygo County continue to offer a *Newaygo County Schools of Choice Program*. The *Newaygo County Schools of Choice Program* allows parents the opportunity to request that their child(ren) attend any public school in Newaygo County, regardless of where they live within the boundaries of the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NC RESA).

Some school districts in Newaygo County also participate in the Michigan Department of Education's 105C Schools of Choice Program, or individual school-of-choice programs, that allow students outside of NC RESA boundaries to attend a Newaygo County public school. Please contact individual district superintendent offices to explore options under the 105C program.

This brochure is designed to help parents learn about each program and the guidelines, policies and procedures that have been developed to ensure student success.

Information regarding graduation requirements, application policies, athletics and transportation are included. Please call the superintendent's office of any of the participating schools for further information. An application form is included with this brochure. A separate form must be completed for each child.

Applications for the Newaygo County Schools of Choice Program can be submitted to Superintendent offices anytime throughout the school year. Application deadlines for the Section 105c program will be publicized on district websites and/or in local newspapers.

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### District Administration Contacts

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**Principal's Office**  
Big Jackson School  
4020 13 Mile Road  
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(231) 796-8947

**Superintendent's Office**  
Fremont Public Schools  
450 E. Pine Street  
Fremont, MI 49412  
(231) 924-2350

**Superintendent's Office**  
Grant Public Schools  
148 S. Elder Ave.  
Grant, MI 49327  
(231) 834-5621

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**Superintendent's Office**  
Hesperia Community Schools  
96 S. Division, P.O. Box 338  
Hesperia, MI 49421  
(231) 854-6185

**Superintendent's Office**  
Newaygo Public Schools  
360 S. Mill St., P.O. Box 820  
Newaygo, MI 49337  
(231)652-6984

**Superintendent's Office**  
White Cloud Public Schools  
555 E. Wilcox, P.O. Box 1000  
White Cloud, MI 49349  
(231) 689-6820

9. Parents, guardians, and students desiring to participate in either program are encouraged to meet with a building administrator or district representative of the choice school to discuss school rules, curriculum, parent involvement, graduation requirements, grade placement, and other school-related issues prior to making application.

Choice students should be aware that not all class requests may be granted. Prior to submitting an application, it is encouraged that the student and his/her parents or guardians meet with a counselor or school administrator at the school of choice to determine class availability.

10. Applications from students under an IEP will not be considered if the choice district is not currently providing the services called for in the IEP. If a 105c applicant is receiving special education services, the choice district reserves the right to deny admittance if the resident district does not agree to the funding agreement (to be established between the two districts).
11. Parents or guardians shall be responsible for all transportation of their child(ren) to and from school outside their district of residence unless arrangements are available through the choice district. (Refer to the transportation section on page 4.)
12. A local district will not charge tuition for students accepted under a choice program.
13. A parent shall not complete an application for any child's placement in more than one building or district at a time.
14. Both programs will continue indefinitely until such time local boards of education take action to cease participation.

## **Graduation/Promotion Requirements and Curriculum Issues**



Each school district in Newaygo County has developed a curriculum that is based on the State of Michigan Core Curriculum Model. In addition, each district has its own locally approved grading system and graduation requirements. While there are some similarities of requirements among districts, parents or guardians should be aware of the following conditions of the Choice Programs:

1. Participants are required to graduate with the number of credits determined by the district they are attending at the time of graduation.
2. All districts will supply, at the request of parents or guardians, a current listing of graduation requirements for the high school they wish to have their child attend. To receive a copy of graduation requirements, parents or guardians should contact the high school principal of the choice district.
3. Upon acceptance into the program, a current listing of outcome requirements from that building will be supplied to participants.
4. Choice students may participate in their choice district's summer programs, pending space availability.

**NEWAYGO COUNTY PUBLIC K-12 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE**  
**Application for Participation for School Year 2019-20**

Check one:  Newaygo County Choice Application       Section 105C Application \*\*       Other

**Due June 1\*\*** This form must be submitted to the Superintendent's Office where student currently is a resident. If the Superintendent of the resident district grants a release, this form will be sent to the choice district for approval/denial of the Superintendent of the choice district. If the Superintendent of the resident district denies the release, the reason will be stated below.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2019-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

District Requested (choice district) \_\_\_\_\_

District Where You Live (resident district) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Student: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date    /    /

By signing below, I acknowledge and accept the guidelines and conditions\* of this Schools-of-Choice Program.

Signature of Parent(s) X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different than student's: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for parent(s) desiring son/daughter to be a participant in Schools of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Is or has this student been suspended or expelled from a school? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes If yes, please attach detail.

If applying under Section 105C plan, is child currently receiving special education services? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes

Special circumstances if submitted after June 1 deadline\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Hold Harmless Clause:** I agree to hold harmless each Newaygo County public school district, their employees, and their board of education members for any decision in the selection process, potential or actual participation as a Schools of Choice student relative to academic achievement, co-curricular participation, student discipline related to behavior, and all other aspects of participation as a member of a student body when in compliance with State regulations.

**\*Application:** I understand that every child must have an approved application before attending a choice school.

**\*Re-Application:** I understand that once a child is accepted to their choice district, the acceptance is guaranteed through graduation (with provisions); reapplication is not required on an annual basis, however, I must inform the choice district of my child's intent to return. If I do not inform the choice district of my child's intent to return by June 1<sup>st</sup>, I understand I will need to reapply for admittance, which may or may not be granted after the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**\*Transportation:** It is understood that Schools of Choice students will **not** be automatically provided transportation. Some districts may have transportation options available. Contact the Superintendent's office of the choice district for details.

**\*Graduation:** I agree to abide by the policies and graduation requirements of the choice district.

**\*Requests after June 1:** Requests received after the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will be decided upon based on extenuating circumstances.

**\*105C Students:** If a student released under Section 105C is receiving special education services, the choice district reserves the right to deny admittance if the resident district does not agree to the funding agreement (to be established between the two districts).