

Swan Valley School District School Of Choice Application 2017-2018

Swan Valley School District, in accordance with Senate Bill 851 of the 1995-1996 School Aid Act, has by resolution decided to opt-in to the School of Choice Program under Section 105 of the State Aid Act.

The following are enrollment limits, nondiscrimination rules, refusals, preferences, and random selection guidelines as defined by Swan Valley School District.

Swan Valley School District has set the following requirements, for students who are nonresidents of Swan Valley School District, to enroll under the county School of Choice option.

~REQUIREMENTS~

1. ENROLLMENT LIMITS

Swan Valley School District will allow students in the following grades:

A minimum of 1 student in Kindergarten, Young Fives and grades 1st - 12th. Alternative Education and Adult Education will also accept a minimum of 1 student per program.

If vacancies exist after quotas have been filled, additional enrollments may be approved based upon class size enrollment determined by administration after March 27, 2017.

2. REFUSAL GUIDELINES (Y5's-12)

Swan Valley School District may refuse enrollment to any non-resident student who has violated the following rules:

- A.) A student who has been expelled at any time during their educational career. (K-12)
- B.) A student who has been suspended for five (5) days or more during the last two (2) academic years, IE 2015-16 and 2016-17.
- C.) A student who has been suspended for one (1) to four (4) days in the past two (2) academic years may be refused enrollment depending on the issues and conditions for his/her suspension. The student and parent will be required to have an interview with the building principal and/or superintendent prior to final determination of enrollment.
- D.) Applicant discipline records will be reviewed and may constitute reason for denial of admission.
- E.) A student who has dropped out of school or has attended school for less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the regularly scheduled days in the past two (2) academic school years. Exception: Alternative Education or Adult Education

3. **PREFERENCES**

Preference is given to a student who has been enrolled in the school district in the immediate preceding school year and to a sibling of a currently enrolled student. In addition, those who are *Choice* pupils this year are allowed to continue in the district until graduation, provided they follow the rules and guidelines as outlined in our student handbooks.

4. **RANDOM SELECTION**

A random selection system is required if interest exceeds the available positions. In the event the number of eligible applicants does not exceed available positions, all students must be accepted.

5. **TRANSPORTATION**

Swan Valley School District is not obligated to provide transportation to non-resident pupils or resident pupils enrolled in other districts except as may be required by an IEPC for a special education student. Parents/guardians are responsible for all transportation of their child to and from Swan Valley School District.

6. **NONDISCRIMINATION**

Nonresident applicants cannot be accepted or denied enrollment based on the following: Intellectual, academic, artistic or other ability, mental or physical disability, age*, religion, race color, national origin, sex, height, weight, marital status, athletic ability, or in violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination.

*Note: Swan Valley may refuse to enroll a pupil based upon the age of the applicant when it is deemed that the program to which the student has applied is found to be inappropriate for the age of that pupil.

7. **CALENDAR**

- February 23, 2017 School publishes grades, schools and special programs for which applications will be accepted
- February 27, 2017 Applications available
- March 10, 2017 Last day to accept applications
- March 22, 2017 School accepts or denies applications

8. **ENROLLMENT**

Swan Valley School District under the provisions of Schools of Choice Program will accept students through March 10, 2017. All participants in the School of Choice program are required to attend Swan Valley Public Schools for the entire year.

9. **ACADEMICS**

Since most high school and middle school class schedules are developed prior to the completion of the School of Choice application process, students requesting transfer to the Swan Valley School District should be aware that not all class requests may be granted. Prior to submitting a Swan Valley School District School of Choice application, it is suggested that the student and or his/her parent(s)/guardian meet with a counselor or school administrator at the school of choice to determine class availability.

10. **ATHLETICS**

Swan Valley School District is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (M.H.S.A.A.). All rules that govern that Association will be strictly adhered to.

Non-resident pupils are ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one tri-semester or 90 school days. The exceptions are the following:

- (1) A student who enters in the ninth grade of a four year high school and has not been previously enrolled in the ninth grade (Regulation I, Section 9, Rule 10); and
- (2) A student who completes the ninth and highest grade of a junior high/middle school in which he or she was enrolled for at least the two most recent consecutive school years and enrolls for the first time in the tenth grade of a three or four year high school, and has not participated previously in the interscholastic athletic program of a three year or four year high school, is immediately eligible insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned (Regulation I, Section 9).

11. **APPLICATIONS**

Nonresident School of Choice applicants may pick up applications during regular business hours, 7:30 to 4:00, beginning February 27, 2017 through March 10, 2017 at: 8380 O'Hern Road, Saginaw, MI 48609 or by calling 921-3701 to have an application mailed. Questions regarding Schools of Choice may be referred to Mat McRae, Superintendent, and Swan Valley School District at 989-921-3701.

Applications are to be returned to Swan Valley School District, School of Choice Program, 8380 O'Hern Road, Saginaw, MI 48609, on or before March 10, 2017.

ANY MISREPRESENTATION OR FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION CAN SUBJECT THE STUDENT TO IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Swan Valley School District
~Schools of Choice~
Nonresident Application 2017-2018

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
As it appears on the Birth Certificate Last First Middle

STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS: _____ PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE & ZIP: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED AT SWAN VALLEY SCHOOLS? YES NO

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE: **Circle One**

Birch Run Bridgeport/Spaulding Carrollton Chesaning Frankenmuth Freeland Hemlock
Merrill Saginaw City Public Schools Saginaw Township St. Charles Other _____

SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED: _____ MONTH/YEAR: _____

GRADE LEVEL 2017-2018: _____ HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS EARNED: _____

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT?: YES NO 504 PLAN STUDENT?: YES NO
(If yes please attach a current copy of the IEP or 504 plan)

Has the student ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

DO YOU HAVE A SIBLING CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SWAN VALLEY?: YES NO

IF YES:

Name _____ Grade _____ Building Havens Shields Middle School High School
Name _____ Grade _____ Building Havens Shields Middle School High School
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OTHER STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SCHOOL OF CHOICE (complete a separate form for each child):

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

I understand that Swan Valley School District is not obligated to provide transportation except as may be required by an IEP for a special education student. I also understand that Swan Valley School District is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). **Nonresident pupils who transfer after the start of 9th grade ARE ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one full semester or 90 school days.**

My signature authorizes the home school to release information regarding the student's discipline and attendance records.

Any misrepresentations or false statements made on this application can subject the student to immediate removal from Swan Valley School District.

I have read and understand the requirements and application form for school of choice in Swan Valley School District.

Parent's/Guardian's signature(s) _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

_____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

Student (if 18 or older) signature _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

A COPY OF THE STUDENT'S DISCIPLINE AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR THE LAST TWO (2) SCHOOL YEARS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION (NONE NEEDED FOR KINDERGARTEN; PAST ONE (1) YEAR FOR 1ST GRADE STUDENTS). PLEASE HAVE THE SCHOOL WHERE THE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING FILL OUT THE SECTION OF THE APPLICATION BELOW. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED INFORMATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

To be completed by the student's CURRENT School/School District

Please submit this form to an authorized school official to complete regarding the named student's discipline record for the last two (2) school years (none needed for Kindergarten; past one (1) year for first grade students). **This information must accompany this application. Applications without BOTH discipline and attendance information will not be considered. Originally signed forms only; no fax copies please.**

If the student has attended more than one school in the last two years, please have each school fill out a separate form.

School Name _____

Address _____

Attendance Information: Number of Absences in 2015-16 _____ 2016-17 _____

Check all that apply

_____ Our school records indicate there **HAVE NOT** been suspensions or expulsions for this student in the last two school years.

_____ Our school records indicate that this student has **NEVER been expelled.**

_____ Our school records indicate there **HAVE been suspensions or expulsions** for this student in the last two school years.

Name of School Official _____

Title: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of School Official _____

Please Return Completed Original
Application to:

Swan Valley School District
School Of Choice
8380 O'Hern Road
Saginaw, MI 48609

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4 P.M., MARCH 10, 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Where did you learn about the Swan Valley's School of Choice Program?

Mark all that apply

Newspaper _____

Former Student _____

Billboard _____

Other _____

Friend/Relative _____