

Bloomfield's Blueprint

*Returning to teaching &
learning for the 2020-2021
school year*



April 29, 2021



Part Three

Bowers Application/ Criterion-Based Schools of Choice Programming





Guiding Viewpoints



As a school community, we commit to the following guiding viewpoints:

- We believe that high quality academic instruction is essential for the growth and development of all learners. *At Bowers, we learn collaboratively utilizing a responsive, flexible, and experiential curriculum.*
- We believe that relationships are at the core of a healthy school community. *At Bowers, we focus on restorative approaches to behavior and support recognizing that all people bring unique circumstances and strengths with them.*
- We believe that social emotional learning is critically important for the long term success of all students. *At the center of the Bowers experience is a research-based social emotional curriculum. Social emotional supports and community building are emphasized in each facet of the learning experience.*
- We believe in the power of place. *At Bowers, we emphasize connection to place and engage in experiential learning that includes exploration of farm, community, and self.*
- We believe that our students can best realize their strengths, interests, and independence when they are immersed in experiential learning both on and off campus. *At Bowers we work to develop strong partnerships to provide students with a variety of experiences to prepare them for their future.*



Application Criteria



Application Criteria:

In Accordance with State School Aid Act, Schools of Choice Section 105 (MCL 388.1705), Bowers Academy School of Choice will be open to students residing in Oakland County.

For the 2021-2022 School Year, up to 15 School of Choice Applicants will be accepted for enrollment. Applicants must be entering junior year of high school.



Application Criteria



In order for an application to be considered, the following criteria must be met:

- Agree to the terms and conditions of Bowers Academy as outlined in the Student Commitment.
- Agree to meet to discuss a success plan and expectations of enrollment at the initial interview **and** orientation.
- Understand and agree to attendance commitment, attending school in person and on time each day. This will include arranging transportation as needed.
- Have **independent** daily living/grooming skills such as using the bathroom, eating and mobility.
- Maintain appropriate behavior and social skills as a part of the community in the experiential learning space, including effective communication with students, staff, and community members.
- Participate fully within the learning community, interacting appropriately with both animals and humans. Be able to adjust behavior as necessary.



Student Commitments



Attendance:

Your presence is an essential part of our learning community.

Collaborative Learning:

It is our goal to support your growth and development as a learner in our community through collaborative, reflective, experiential, and cooperative learning experiences.

Place:

Engagement on the farm is an essential part of experiential learning at Bowers.

Career and College Readiness:

It is our goal to support you in the design of learning experiences outside of the Bowers Academy campus prior to graduating.



Application Window



The online School of Choice application window is open from Monday, July 19, 2021 at 8:00am to Friday, August 6, 2021, at 4:00pm.

If more than 15 applications are submitted, all applicants who fit the criteria will be entered into a lottery.

- The lottery will take place on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Booth Center in room ABC
- 15 applicants will be selected at random utilizing a lottery.
 - Remaining students will be maintained on a wait list.
- Lottery selections will be notified on Friday, August 13, 2021 by phone.
- If selected to attend Bowers Academy, the applicant must attend the interview **AND** orientation in order to complete the enrollment process.
- The deadline for the enrollment process will be August 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
 - Any student who has not completed the enrollment process will no longer be considered.
- On August 31, 2021, any remaining seats will be filled by the applicant(s) on the waitlist, in the order they were selected for the waiting list.



Application Timeline



School of Choice Window Opens: Monday, July 19, 2021

School of Choice Window Closes: Friday, August 6, 2021

Lottery: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Initial Student Notification: Friday, August 13, 2021

Interviews: Week of August 16, 2021

Initial Orientation: Thursday, August 26, 2021

Deadline for Initial Student Commitment: Monday, August 30, 2021

Status Update-Communication via phone to students on the waiting list: Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Wait List Orientation: Friday, September 3, 2021

Deadline for waiting list Student Commitment: Monday, September 6, 2021

First Day of School: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Final Date for status change from “Waitlist” to “Enroll Eligible”: Friday, September 10, 2021





END OF SECTION

DISCUSSION