



CHAMPAIGN UNIT 4 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## How does the Schools of Choice Assignment Process work?

### Things to Know:

#### ESL Program Schools

Bottenfield  
Carrie Busey  
Garden Hills  
Stratton  
Washington  
Westview  
All Middle Schools

#### Bilingual Program Schools

Garden Hills  
Robeson  
Edison

#### Uniform Schools

Barkstall  
Garden Hills  
Kenwood  
Stratton  
Washington

#### Balanced Calendar Schools

Barkstall  
Kenwood

#### Magnet Schools

Garden Hills  
Stratton  
Washington

#### Cluster/Feeder Schools

EDISON:  
Bottenfield  
Carrie Busey  
South Side

FRANKLIN:  
Barkstall  
Dr. Howard  
Garden Hills

JEFFERSON:  
Kenwood  
Robeson  
Westview

Stratton & Washington  
rank their preference

The Champaign Unit 4 School District utilizes the Schools of Choice process to maintain diverse schools.

Applicants to the Champaign Unit 4 School District are assigned to schools based on a computer assignment process. During the entire process, the computer takes into consideration the number of seats available at each school and the socio-economic status (SES) of the applicants. A percentage of low SES students, based on an average of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, is assigned to each school.

Applicant information is entered into a database and each applicant is assigned a random ID number by the computer. Additional points are added to the applicant's ID number if any of the following priorities apply to their first choice school selection:

- **Sibling**—This is the highest priority. If an applicant has a sibling who will be attending the school that is chosen number one on the registration form for the coming school year, the applicant is given additional points once this information has been verified.
- **Proximity**—Every student has a Proximity Priority School. It is the school nearest their home. Your proximity school is any school that is within 1.5 miles of your home or, if you do not live within 1.5 miles of any school, it is the school that is closest to your home as determined by the District's transportation system. Applicants will be given additional points if their first choice school is a school to which they have proximity. Proximity comes into play for elementary school students only; it is not a priority for middle school applicants.

Programmatic Needs—Students with special programmatic needs are assigned to those schools offering the services needed while following the Schools of Choice guidelines.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SIBLING AND PROXIMITY PRIORITIES ARE CONSIDERED FOR YOUR FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL ONLY.**

*If you have additional questions, please ask to speak to one of our Choice Specialists.  
More information available at [www.unit4registration.org](http://www.unit4registration.org).*