

## Carrie Busey Elementary



**Carrie Busey Elementary**  
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**Hours:** 8:00 am - 2:15 pm  
**Enrollment:** 390

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“We are committed to caring!”

*Our Challenge is to continue to raise the bar while providing quality educational opportunities in an environment of high behavioral expectations!*

*The mission of Carrie Busey Elementary School is to plan and deliver exemplary educational programs that address the present and future needs of all our students within a positive climate, which fosters learning and self-esteem.*

### Special Features

- Enhanced Instruction in Literature and Creative Writing
- Outdoor Learning Center
- Student Council
- Visual Arts Classroom
- Enrichment Specialist
- “Galaxy of Readers” Home Reading Program
- Golden Pencil Award Program
- Literacy Lab!
- Active Building Council
- America Reads Tutors
- America Counts Tutors
- Peer Mediation
- Building Support Team
- Active Families and PTA
- Program for the Hearing Impaired
- Spacious School Grounds
- Integrated Technology with a computer Lab
- After School Program

### School Choice Theme

Carrie Busey Elementary has selected the choice theme: “Literature and Creative Writing.” Literacy is a gateway skill and is integrated throughout all core academic areas.

In addition to demonstrations by teachers and experts in the writing field, opportunities for children to share and publish their own writing are critical.

The “Galaxy of Readers” program encourages students to spend time reading at home. Read-In Day and Family Reading Night are annual events involving Carrie Busey School and the community. The “Golden Pencil Award” is a monthly recognition of developing authors and illustrators. Students earn a golden pencil, as well as special public recognition for their writing. The Literacy Lab is a computer based reading and writing program designed to develop literacy skills in kindergarten students. Weekly visits to the lab inspire and enhance early literacy skills.



### School Climate

Carrie Busey’s school climate is highly conducive to learning and respect. The staff works together in a positive way to keep standards high for behavior and academic performance. We recognize that children’s home backgrounds can influence failure or success, but we believe that classroom instruction determines how much is learned. Our teachers take their responsibility seriously and work earnestly in conjunction with families to see that all children succeed.

### Mentoring

Carrie Busey Elementary works with the Talks Mentoring and C-U one to one mentoring programs which supports students and families who express interest. Mentors meet with students, read, share ideas, play games, and talk about making good decisions. Both Mentors and students benefit from the relationships that develop as they get to know one another.

### Enrichment Opportunities

Carrie Busey’s Enrichment Specialist works with groups of students and classroom teachers to provide challenging activities in a variety of learning areas. The needs of high-ability students are met, and all Carrie Busey students are given opportunities to solve problems and meet challenges across the curriculum. Carrie Busey teachers utilize a variety of activities and learning strategies, including hands-on projects, cross-grade partnerships, and a wealth of literature and writing opportunities.

### Tutoring

The America Reads and America Counts programs provide university students to tutor students in reading, writing, and math. The Vis-à-Vis program from the University of Illinois is also utilized. Parents and other community members tutor students in a variety of subjects.

### History

*Named in honor of a longtime school district employee, Carrie Busey Elementary School was constructed in 1957 on an eleven-acre tract of land. Additions were built in 1963 and 1969. In 1990, the Champaign Park District opened Wisegarver Park, which is adjacent to the school grounds.*



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### Awards and Recognitions

- Illinois Spotlight School Award for Academic Achievement.
- US Department of Education's "Excellence in Education Award"
- Carrie Busey was chosen by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development to participate with 28 other schools in the nation in sharing exemplary programs.
- Carrie Busey teachers have written and received numerous grants, including the Tepper Electric Grants for the Performing Arts, C-U Foundation Grants, Illinois Power Classroom Grants and various technology grants.
- Several Carrie Busey teachers have been honored locally as "Golden Apple" recipients.

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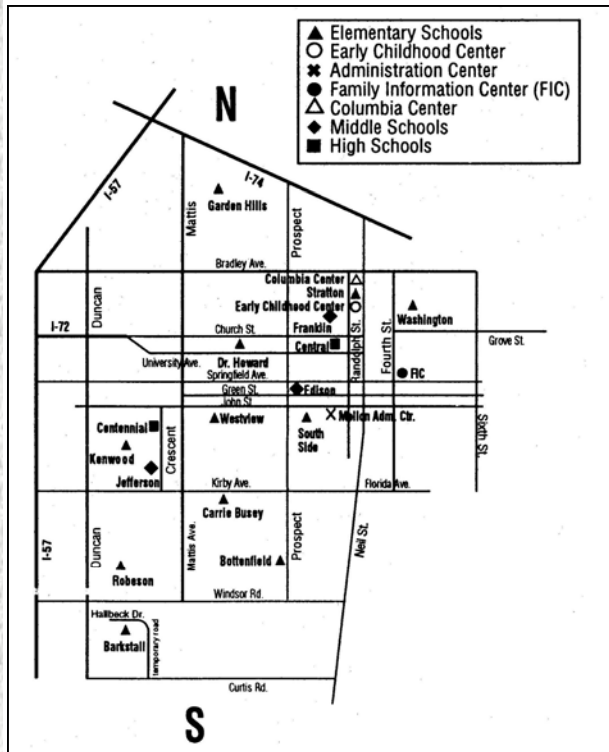
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### Technology

A computer lab with 24 stations provides Carrie Busey students with meaningful integrated experiences in technology. In addition to the lab, each classroom has an internet-accessible computer. The library has computers available to students for research.

### Support Programs

Special programs at Carrie Busey include Reading Recovery for first grade students, the program for the Hearing Impaired, and cross-categorical services for students with disabilities. Students who qualify are given extended-learning opportunities or work with a literacy specialist to support and accelerate their learning.



### Family Involvement

An important aspect of Carrie Busey Elementary School is the involvement of families. Since a child's success in school is enhanced by cooperative efforts of the home and school, ample opportunities for family involvement are available.

### PTA

Carrie Busey has a strong and active PTA that oversees and coordinates annual social activities to help families and students integrate with the school staff. These include an Open House and Barbecue in the fall, and a Spring Carnival.

The PTA also:

- lends support to a number of ongoing academic projects
- sponsors Carrie Busey book fairs
- coordinates room parents and classroom volunteers
- sponsors the "Reflections" competition for the arts
- sells Carrie Busey shirts
- sponsors all-school assemblies
- publishes a school yearbook
- participates in Carrie Busey's shared decision making
- supports the school through the purchase of equipment and materials

