Welcome to CHAMPAIGN SCHOOLS

champagneschools.org/choice
Adopted in 1998, the Schools of Choice process gives parents and guardians of all students the opportunity to apply to a variety of elementary schools.

Champaign Unit 4 School District uses this process to maintain diversity in our schools.
How Students are Assigned

The district uses a computer system to process applications.

Factors that affect student assignments:
- Parent choice
- Presence of siblings in the school
- Proximity priority
- Building capacity
- Socioeconomic status
- Availability of special programs
Parent Choice

In February, the district will host **open house events** at the elementary schools.

You may spend this time getting to know our schools to help you determine which would be the best fit for your child.
Sibling Preference

Preference is given to siblings or extended family members living in the same household with the same address.

There is no legacy or inheritance from a sibling moving on to sixth grade.
Proximity School

Your “proximity priority 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 closest to your home as determined by the District’s transportation system.

This system bases mileage on the shortest driving distance from the door of your residence to the door of the school.
Building Capacity

Our elementary schools vary in size. This may affect your choice of school. It also impacts the selection process since the smaller schools have fewer seats.
Socioeconomic Status

In an effort to maintain balanced, diverse schools, the District considers socioeconomic status when assigning children to schools.
Availability of Special Programs

Your child may have a special need that is only offered at a specific school.

- Essential Skills: Champaign Early Childhood, Stratton and Jefferson
- Functional Life Skills: Stratton and Robeson
- Self-Contained Emotional Disability: Carrie Busey, Barkstall and Jefferson
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Carrie Busey, Franklin and Centennial
- Visually Impaired: Westview, Jefferson and Centennial
- Young Adult Program: Columbia
MAGNET SCHOOLS
Garden Hills
Stratton
Franklin (middle school)

ESL PROGRAM SCHOOLS
All schools

BILINGUAL PROGRAM SCHOOLS
Champaign Early Childhood Center
Central
Edison
International Prep Academy
Stratton

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM SCHOOLS
International Prep Academy
Stratton
Transportation

• If you live more than 1.5 miles from your school assignment, you are eligible for bus transportation to and from school.

• The District provides transportation to students living closer than 1.5 miles if the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) confirmed hazardous walking conditions exist between home and school.

• Please note that selecting a non-proximity school could result in an extended bus ride for your child.

• Visit choice.champainschools.org to use our proximity finder tool.
Think about Middle School Now

The middle school a child attends is based on the elementary school they attend in fifth grade.

You are not able to select the middle school your child attends.

If you have a specific middle school you would like your child to attend, please consider the elementary feeder pattern now.
Feeder School Pattern

Bottenfield
  Carrie Busey
    IPA
      South Side
        Edison Middle School

Barkstall
  BTW
    Dr. Howard
      Garden Hills
        Franklin Middle School

Kenwood
  Robeson
    Stratton
      Westview
        Jefferson Middle School
Visit and Ask Questions

**School Tours** – at any of the 12 elementary schools, no appointment necessary Tuesdays and Thursdays in February at 9:30 a.m.

**Evening Open Houses**
Thursday, February 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Kenwood, Carrie Busey, South Side, Robeson, Booker T. Washington and Stratton

Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Barkstall, Bottenfield, Westview, Dr. Howard, International Prep Academy and Garden Hills
Register Your Student in Person

Center for Family and Community Engagement
703 S. New Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Choice specialists will answer questions about the program, schools and required paperwork to assist you with the application process.
Entrance Requirements

Your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1 of their kindergarten year to attend school. Bring your child’s birth certificate when you register, or you may provide it within 30 days of enrollment.

Verify you are a Champaign resident—bring two of the following when you register—current driver’s license, voter’s registration card, apartment or house lease or home purchase agreement, mortgage documents, property deed, payment record, power, water, cable or internet bills.
Complete the Choice Form

At registration, you will complete application forms and identify your school choices in rank order.

Choice specialists will be available to answer your questions.
Fulfill Health Requirements

Physical, dental, and vision examinations are required of all students entering kindergarten. Any time within the year prior to entering school, your child must receive the appropriate immunizations and receive a physical.

You do not need to have completed the forms at the time you register your child. The required health documentation is due September 1, 2020.
Receive Your Assignment

After the kindergarten registration period has ended on **March 31**, the district will process assignments for all kindergarten students.

Kindergarten assignment letters are mailed in **early May**.

Last year, **more than 92%** of families have received one of their top three schools.
BARKSTALL
2201 HALLBECK DRIVE

- ESL Program School
- Uniform School
- Balanced Calendar School
- Franklin MS Feeder School
- 8:55AM Start Time
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON STEM ACADEMY
606 EAST GROVE STREET

- ESL Program School
- Franklin Middle School Feeder
- Gifted Program School
- 8:55AM Start Time
BOTTENFIELD
1801 SOUTH PROSPECT AVENUE

- ESL Program School
- Edison MS Feeder School
- 8:55AM Start Time
CARRIE BUSEY
304 PRAIRIE ROSE LANE

- ESL Program School
- Edison MS Feeder School
- 7:50AM Start Time
DR. HOWARD
1103 S. Neil Street (temporary location during construction)

- ESL Program School
- Gifted Program School
- New Facility Coming Soon!
- Franklin MS Feeder School
- 7:50AM Start Time
GARDEN HILLS ACADEMY
2001 GARDEN HILLS DRIVE

- ESL Program School
- Magnet School
- Franklin MS Feeder School
- 8:55AM Start Time
INTERNATIONAL PREP ACADEMY
1605 WEST KIRBY AVENUE

- Dual Language Program School
- Facility Renovation & Expansion Coming Soon!
- Uniform School
- Edison MS Feeder School
- 7:50AM Start Time
KENWOOD
1001 STRATFORD DRIVE

• ESL Program School
• Uniform School
• Gifted Program School
• Balanced Calendar School
• Jefferson MS Feeder School
• 7:50AM Start Time
ROBESON
2501 SOUTHMOOR DRIVE

- Jefferson MS Feeder School
- ESL Program School
- 7:50AM Start Time
SOUTH SIDE
715 SOUTH NEW STREET

- ESL Program School
- Facility Renovation/Expansion Coming Soon!
- Edison MS Feeder School
- 8:55AM Start Time
STRATTON ACADEMY OF THE ARTS
902 NORTH RANDOLPH STREET

- ESL Program School
- Gifted Program School
- Jefferson Middle School Feeder
- Dual Language Program School
- Uniform School
- Magnet School
- 7:50AM Start Time
WESTVIEW
703 SOUTH RUSSELL STREET

- ESL Program School
- Jefferson MS Feeder School
- 7:50AM Start Time
Next Steps Tonight

Visit with schools

Ask questions