

## Elementary PowerSchool School Choice Priorities and Their Meanings 21-22

Priority #	Title	Meaning	Corresponding Field on Application
1	Children of school employees	Does a parent/legal guardian work at the same school choice location as the student? If so, answer yes.	stu_EmployeeChoice1(2)(3)Verified
2	5th graders wishing to remain as 6th graders	Is the student already attending your school? Are they a 5th grader? If so, they qualify to remain at your school. Answer yes.	stu_5thGradeSameSchoolChoice1(2)(3)Verified
3	Siblings of students on District program permits	Does the student have a sibling at a school who has a district assigned program permit such as DLI, ALPS, or Sped? If so, answer yes.	stu_ElementaryPermitVerified
4	Students who live within 1.5 driven miles	In Google maps go to the Directions tab. Enter the student's home address (verified in Skyward) as the starting point. Enter the School Choice address as the destination. Is the shortest distance traveled 1.5 miles or less? If so, then the student qualifies for priority #4. Yes, they DO live within the distance. If the distance is more than 1.5 miles, answer NO. If the parent did not give distance as a reason for wanting to attend the school, enter "NA".	stu_DistanceFromSchoolChoice1(2)(3)Verified
5	Students currently enrolled at the school	Is the student already attending the school? If so, answer Yes.	stu_ElementaryCurrEnrollChoice1(2)(3)Verified
6	Siblings of students on out-of-boundary permits	Does this applicant have a sibling that is already attending your school on an out-of-boundary (not program) permit? If so, answer yes.	stu_ElementarySiblingVerifiedChoice1
7	Students living within the District	Is the student already attending a school within the District? If so, answer Yes.	stu_InDistrictVerified
8	All other students	Any applications that do not qualify for the above priorities	No corresponding field

During the month of December, applications are assigned a priority based on the answers that you provide when verifying and approving an application. How does that happen? PowerSchool “reads” the reason the applicant entered, opens up fields that it thinks you need to answer, (thus the blanks with the word “verify” next to them) and when you answer “yes” or “no” to those blank fields, the system “knows” which priority to assign the application.

The application is then put into a pool (lottery) with all the other applications at your school that have that priority. In January, Planning and Enrollment will “shuffle” all the December prioritized applications, and award the applicants a place in line (the waitlist); from the waitlist they are offered a seat (permit) if you have seats available.