

Bethlehem Township School District Lottery Procedures

1. Every Choice district must conduct a lottery and have a waitlist, *even if no choice seats are available*. According to Choice statute and code, if more applications are received than there are spaces available, a lottery shall be held to determine the selection of students or their order on a waitlist. If a Choice student were to leave the district, then the district would be able to replace the student using its waitlist. According to the code:

I. The choice district shall develop a waiting list based on the lottery.

II. The choice district shall notify the parent or guardian of every student who has submitted an application to participate in the choice program of the date and time of the lottery.

III. The choice district shall assign a number to each student participating in the lottery and shall notify the parent or guardian of the number assigned to their child(ren).

IV. Before conducting the lottery, the choice district may give preference to siblings of students already enrolled in and attending the choice district.

2. Applications will be prioritized as follows:

Applications received on or before the Dec. 1 application deadline will be prioritized in the following order:

1). Applicants with siblings currently attending the Choice district (These do not go into the lottery and must be accepted before any other applicants. Special dispensation/additional seats will be approved if the district doesn't have enough open choice seats.)

2). Resident student applicants who moved out of the district on or before Dec. 1, 2014 (These do not go into the lottery and may be accepted *after siblings*. No special dispensation/additional seats will be approved for these students. If there are no choice seats available, these students will be put on the top of the waitlist.)

3). All other Tier 1 applicants (The lottery will determine their prioritization.)

4). All Tier 2 applicants.

Replacing Choice students who default before or after the January data submission deadline—applications will be prioritized in the following order:

1). Resident student applicants who moved out of the district on or before Dec. 1, 2014 and are at the top of the waitlist.

2). Resident student applicants who moved out of the district after Dec. 1, 2014 and are placed next on the waitlist.

3). Waitlisted non-resident applicants whose applications were received on or before Dec. 1, 2014.

4). Non-resident applicants whose applications were received after Dec.1, 2014.

3. For more information on Public School Choice, please visit the website resources: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/choice/cdistricts/resources.htm> and <http://www.state.nj.us/education/choice/cdistricts/process.htm>.