

Bridges After-School Program Continuing and Priority Enrollment FAQs

When will applications for continuing and priority enrollment be accepted?

Applications for continuing and priority students may be submitted during the continuing and priority enrollment period. Applications for transfers must be clearly marked as indicated below.

How is continuing and priority enrollment applied?

Continuing and priority enrollment will be applied as follows:

- 1) Students who are currently enrolled in the program at the school site and attend the program on a regular basis in accordance with the attendance policy
 - 2) Students who qualify under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and Foster Youth
 - 3) Siblings
 - 4) Students who are currently enrolled in the program at a different site, but transferring (eg., moving schools or transferring from elementary to middle). *For example, a 5th grade student from Cameron Ranch Elementary going into 6th grade at Will Rogers Middle should turn in an application during continuing and priority enrollment registration. If the application is turned in after continuing and priority enrollment registration, then they are considered to be in the first come, first served category.*
 - 5) Students on the waitlist at the same school
 - 6) Students on the waitlist at a different school
- Site coordinators should write on top of the application, "From (school name) waitlist To (school name)" if transferring (eg., *From Cameron Ranch waitlist To Will Rogers*)

Will a student keep their place on the waitlist from year to year?

Specific waitlist placement for students on the prior year waitlist cannot be guaranteed. However, **after the 1-6 continuing and priority enrollment is applied**, applications received for students on the receiving site's waitlist during continuing and priority enrollment will be placed in the order in which they appeared on the list the prior year.

What if a student transfers to a different school?

Current Bridges students transferring schools will receive priority enrollment over students that are not currently enrolled in the program. These students fall under priority #4 above. For example, if a Bridges student moves from Thomas Kelly to Charles Peck, this student would receive priority over a student who may be next on the waitlist.

When will applications be available for Open Enrollment?

Applications will be available for students that are not eligible for continuing and priority enrollment when the Open Enrollment period begins. The application will be posted on the website the day before the Open Enrollment period.

How does Open Enrollment work?

Applications are date and time stamped when received. Students are placed in the program on a first come, first served basis once priority order has been applied.

What is the "best" location for parents to submit applications?

Applications are accepted by the Bridges site coordinator at each school site and at the regional offices. Parents calling the central office for information on where to submit applications will be referred to the regional office for information specific to their school site.

Do students need to be enrolled in the school to apply for the Bridges program at that school?

Students must be enrolled in the school before applying for the Bridges program at that school site.