

Hertfordshire County Council's oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled, first, infant, primary, junior and middle schools for the school year 2016/17.

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names their school. Schools must also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan that names the school.

- Rule 1** **Children looked after** and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).
- Rule 2** **Medical or Social:** Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.
A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school applied for under Rule 2 and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.
- Rule 3** **Linked School:** In the case of junior schools, children who attend the linked infant school at the time of their application.
This rule only applies to pupils who are currently attending Infant school which has a linked junior school.
- Rule 4** **Sibling:** Children who have a sibling on the roll of the school or linked school at the time of application.
This applies to reception through to Year 5 in infant, junior and primary schools; and from reception through to Year 3 in first schools; and from Year 5 to Year 7 in middle schools
- Rule 5** **Nearest School:** Children for whom it is their nearest community or voluntary-controlled school or an own admitting school or academy using Hertfordshire County Council's admission rules*
- Rule 6** **Distance:** Children who live nearest to the school.
If your child does not qualify under Rule 5, they will be under under Rule 6.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

Academies using Hertfordshire County Council's oversubscription criteria, and included in the definition of Rule 5 above, are:

Alban City School, St Albans
Applecroft, Welwyn Garden City
Ascot Road School, Watford
Bovingdon Primary School, Bovingdon
Chaulden Junior School, Hemel Hempstead
Crabtree Infant & Junior Schools, Harpenden
Flamsted End, Cheshunt
Fleetville Infant and Junior Schools, St Albans
Garden City Academy, Letchworth
Greneway Middle, Royston
Grove Academy, Watford
Hammond Academy, Hemel Hempstead
Hatfield Community Free School, Hatfield
Jupiter Community Free School, Hemel Hempstead
Lanchester Community Free School, Watford
Little Reddings Primary School, Bushey
Mandeville School, St Albans
Northgate Primary, Bishops Stortford
Parkside Community Primary School, Borehamwood
Ralph Sadlier Middle, Puckeridge
Roesia Middle, Royston
Samuel Ryder Academy, St Albans
Summercroft, Bishops Stortford
Wilshere Dacre, Hitchin

This list includes existing academies and community schools planning to convert in 2015. Other new academies will be included in the definition of rule 5 for 2016 allocations if the academy adopts the county council's oversubscription criteria and/or definition of "nearest school". An updated list will be published in the "Under 11s 2016" admission booklet.