

Example: How It Works in Practice

Meet Malcolm. Let's follow his experience to see how the process works:



Malcolm's School Rankings:

1. Freedom Academy (his top choice)
2. Diversity Institute
3. Excellence School
4. Buffalo School of Scholars
5. Erie County Community Institute

What Happens on Lottery Day:

- Malcolm received offers from Excellence School (#3) and Buffalo School of Scholars (#4)
- He was placed on waitlists for Freedom Academy (#1) and Diversity Institute (#2)
- He did not receive any result for Erie County Community Institute (#5) because he got offers at higher-ranked schools

What Malcolm's Family Decided:

- They accepted the offer from Excellence School (his #3 choice)
- When they accepted this offer, his offer from Buffalo School of Scholars was automatically declined
- Malcolm remains on the waitlists for Freedom Academy and Diversity Institute (his #1 and #2 choices)

What Could Happen Next: If a seat opens at a school he prefers more

- His family can choose to accept this new offer
- If they accept, they should notify Excellence School that he will no longer attend
- Malcolm will still remain on the other school's waitlist

Important Things to Remember:

- Malcolm can only attend one school at a time
- He stays on waitlists for schools he ranked higher than the school he's currently accepted to
- If he gets and accepts an offer from a higher-ranked school, his current offer is automatically declined

