A Benjamin School District 25 communiqué for realtors, Chambers of Commerce, businesses, civic groups, employers, preschool parents, and prospective new residents.

25 Reasons To Choose District 25 Schools
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Excellence in Education

Benjamin School District 25 has often been described as a public school in a private school setting. The district prides itself on the many strengths through which students benefit. District 25's Board of Education has a history of being fiscally responsible. Quality programs are offered, while revenues continue to exceed expenditures, which reflects a sound fiscal outlook for the school district.

The small enrollment of the schools and class sizes enables staff to ensure that each student's academic, social, emotional, and physical needs are met. Historically, Benjamin District 25 is academically among the top-performing school districts in DuPage County and the state of Illinois. In addition, the schools provide a nucleus for parents who enthusiastically gather to observe their student participate in the many extracurricular programs that are offered. A family-friendly culture is enjoyed by students, staff, parents, and the community.

It is not unusual to find multiple generations of families residing in the Benjamin District 25 community. The tradition of excellence in education draws many young adult children--with their own children--back to the neighborhood where they grew up, and sometimes to the same house where their parents had lived and raised them.

Whether you are a parent who is considering relocating to Benjamin School District 25 and would like to learn more about us, someone seeking employment, a real estate professional pursuing more information about the schools, or anyone interested in gaining an understanding of excellence in our schools, this booklet is for you.
Top 25 Reasons to Choose Benjamin District 25

1. The school board, superintendent and staff put students and learning first, making many excellent education programs possible.

2. Class sizes are kept small so teachers can customize instruction and personalize relationships with students and parents.

3. The Illinois State Board of Education presented Academic Excellence Awards to Evergreen Elementary School and Benjamin Middle School for sustaining high performance levels on state assessments.

4. S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programs are provided at both schools.

5. According to Cruvita’s school rating system that uses scores and other objective data, Evergreen Elementary School is ranked 33rd in DuPage County and received an A+ award. Benjamin Middle School is ranked 6th and is awarded an A+ also.

6. The district and all schools adopted a Comprehensive Safety and Crisis Plan in cooperation with their local police and fire departments. The plan provides a safe, coordinated response to emergency situations.
7. The district has been honored with the School Search™ Bright A+™ award for overall excellence, and School Digger.com ranked Benjamin 45th out of 747 school districts in the state of Illinois for test scores.

8. The Illinois State Board of Education has presented the Certificate of Financial Recognition—the highest category obtainable—to the district.

9. The Character Education program encourages and supports students to exhibit strong character traits.

10. Our staff serves students who speak more than ten different languages.

11. Benjamin Middle School offers high school math and Spanish classes, and both Evergreen and Benjamin schools have advanced learning programs.

12. The strong Parent Teacher Association which supports student learning experiences recently received Parent Group Of The Year recognition by PTO Today Magazine. The Benjamin Foundation for Educational Excellence supports the school district through teacher grants to further student learning.
13. Benjamin School District 25 is a recipient of the 2015 Digital Learning Award. The district ranked 21st out of 100 school districts using the Knovation Content Collection to personalize learning.

14. Students and staff are involved in many service projects, including charitable endeavors that benefit those in our community and around the world.

15. Eighty-five percent of Benjamin Middle School students are involved in extracurricular activities.

16. District 25 continues to operate with a balanced budget by instituting cost-saving measures and enhancing revenues rather than eliminating programs.

17. District 25's comprehensive facilities plan ensures an appropriate learning environment and contains costs.

18. Technology is integrated into the District 25 curriculum as a teaching and learning tool. Students in grades 3-8 are provided a computer device. Clusters of devices are provided for students in grades preschool-2.
20. Benjamin School District 25 is the only district in the State to have its residents pass three referendums at once, including $4.5 million capital projects funding, education fund tax rate increase, and operations and maintenance fund tax rate increase.

21. The District’s Ben.25 Connect community newsletter has been recognized with the top Award of Excellence by the Illinois Chapter of National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA).

22. A national report by PlayCore, an organization committed to building stronger communities around the world, highlighted the ongoing partnership between the school district and the Carol Stream Park District. The two organizations first banded together in 1996 to design and build the Evergreen Elementary School large gymnasium.

23. The childcare program offered for employees’ children has improved hiring and retention of staff as well as their attendance. The program has received notoriety at the national and state levels.

24. The high school graduation rate for Benjamin District 25 students has been 100%.

25. A Comprehensive Communications Plan provides a framework of means for effective communications with a wide range of stakeholders.