

Student Admissions Process

Education Code Section 47605(b)(5)(H)

The Charter School will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, and all other operations, and will not charge tuition nor discriminate against any student based upon any of the characteristics listed in Education Code Section 220.

The Charter School shall admit all pupils who wish to attend the Charter School. No test or assessment shall be administered to students prior to acceptance and enrollment into the Charter School. The Charter School will comply with all laws establishing minimum and maximum age for public school attendance in charter schools. Admission, except in the case of a public random drawing, shall not be determined by the place of residence of the pupil or his or her parent or legal guardian within the state.

Public Random Drawing

Applications will be accepted during a publicly advertised open application period each year for enrollment in the following school year. Following the open enrollment period each year, applications shall be counted to determine whether any grade level has received more applications than availability. In the event that this happens, the Charter School will hold a public random drawing to determine admission for the impacted grade level, with the exception of existing students, who are guaranteed admission in the following school year.

Admission preferences in the case of a public random drawing shall be given to the following students in the following order:

1. All students currently enrolled in the Charter School
2. Siblings of enrolled students
3. Children of the Council of Directors* and of employees of the Charter School (combined, no more than 10% of total enrollment)

4. Residents of the County Office of Education

5. All other applicants

* As defined per Charter School Board policy

At the conclusion of the public random drawing, all students who were not granted admission due to capacity shall be given the option to put their name on a wait list according to their draw in the lottery. This wait list will allow students the option of enrollment in the case of an opening during the current school year. In no circumstance will a wait list carry over to the following school year.

Public random drawing rules, deadlines, dates and times will be communicated in the enrollment applications and on the Charter School's website. Public notice for the date and time of the public random drawing will also be posted once the application deadline has passed. The Charter School will also inform parents of all applicants and all interested parties of the rules to be followed during the public random drawing process via mail or email at least two weeks prior to the lottery date.

The Charter School will conduct the lottery in the spring for enrollment in fall of that year.

Enrollment Contract

All students enrolling will commit to a contract that shall include demonstration of the following, as outlined in Element 1 of our Charter documents:

- o The interest and motivation to be educated in the scientific method of inquiry, observation, deduction, and use of critical thinking strategies.
- o The ability and capability to work independently and as a team.
- o The propensity to be a self-impelled leader