

Public Random Drawing and Admission Preferences

Applications will be accepted during a publicly advertised open enrollment period each year for enrollment in the following school year. Following open enrollment, applications shall be counted to determine whether any grade level has received more applications than availability. If the number of students who wish to attend GPS exceeds the Charter School's capacity, then enrollment, except for existing students, shall be determined by a public random drawing for each affected grade level conducted on a date set in the annual enrollment timeline. In accordance with Education Code Section 47605(e)(2)(B), GPS shall offer admission preferences to students in the following order:

1. Children of current GPS teachers and staff (the number of students admitted via this preference is capped at up to 10% of GPS' total enrollment)
2. Siblings of students admitted to or attending GPS residing within the boundaries of the District
3. Siblings of students admitted to or attending GPS residing outside the boundaries of the District
4. Students who are enrolled in, or reside in the attendance boundaries of, James Marshall Elementary School (for purposes of the SB 740 Charter School Facility Grant Program)
5. Students residing within the boundaries of the District
6. All other students residing in California who wish to attend the Charter School

GPS shall adhere to the requirements related to admission preferences as set forth in Education Code Section 47605(e)(2)(B)(i)-(iv).

Families who submitted a completed application prior to the open enrollment deadline will be notified in writing regarding the date, time, and location of the public lottery, which will be open to the public. Families do not need to be present to participate in the lottery. The lottery drawing will be held on the GPS campus or in a public space large enough to accommodate all who are interested in attending. If required due to public health orders or recommendations, the lottery drawing may be held virtually. GPS will ensure that the lottery process will be:

- Public, transparent, and fair
- Held in a public space large enough to accommodate all attendees, unless required to be held online
- Facilitated by a staff member ("Lottery Official") who doesn't have an interest in the outcome and is charged with conducting the process, who will be appointed by the Executive Director

Lottery spaces are pulled in order of grade level by the designated Lottery Official. Separate lotteries shall be conducted for each grade in which there are fewer vacancies than students interested in attending. Lotteries will be conducted in ascending order beginning with the lowest applicable grade level. There is no weighted priority assigned to the preference categories; rather, within each grade level, students will be drawn from pools beginning with all applicants who qualify for the first preference category and shall continue with that preference category until all vacancies within that grade level have been filled. If there are more students in a preference category than there are spaces available, a random drawing will be held from within that preference category until all available spaces are filled. If all students from the preference category have been selected and there are remaining spaces available in that grade level, students from the second preference category will be drawn in the lottery, and the drawing shall continue until all spaces are filled and preference categories are exhausted in the order provided above.

At the conclusion of the public random drawing, all students who were not granted admission due to capacity shall be placed on a wait list according to their draw in the public random drawing. This wait list will allow students the option of enrollment in the case of an opening. The wait list does not carry over from year to year.

An application is considered complete and eligible for the Lottery once the accompanying required documents have been submitted and verified. Required documents for Lottery eligibility include the following:

1. Proof of Age (student birth certificate, passport or hospital birth record)
2. Proof of Residence (utility bill, rental agreement, driver's license)

All applicants who are accepted will be required to submit Immunization Records before the student will be allowed to attend school.