

Learning Community Charter School, Inc.

LOTTERY ADMISSION POLICY-5111

Eligibility

All students applying to Learning Community Charter School (hereinafter referred to as “charter school”) shall be registered in their home public school district prior to commencement of enrollment at the charter school. Students being home schooled, attending private school, transferring into the charter school or otherwise not registered, shall register in their public school prior to enrollment.

Lottery Selection Process

The charter school shall ensure random selection of prospective students by conducting lotteries in February of each year at an advertised public meeting where parents and community board members can observe.

Enrollment priority shall be given to students enrolled in Learning Community Charter School in the immediately preceding year, followed by siblings of current students enrolled in the school. Sibling shall be defined as a sibling living in the same household of the charter school student.

All other students applying for admission to the charter school shall be selected by a random lottery process in accordance with the [New Jersey Charter School Program Act. Of 1995 18A:36A-1](#) Enrollment priority is given to students whose families are eligible for free and reduced lunch or reside in Section 8 housing. Such students shall receive a weighted preference in the lottery selection at a ratio of 2:1. Jersey City residents are given admission preference in the lottery selection. If space is available, non-residents of Hudson County may be admitted.

To foster retention and recruitment of qualified staff pursuant to advancement of the charter school’s mission, children of staff who reside in Jersey City shall be eligible for direct admission to Learning Community Charter School. This preference shall be reviewed every two years by the administration and charter school’s counsel, to assess if the admission of children of staff has any unlawful segregative effect.

Waiting List

When all available spaces in the school are filled, two waiting lists will be kept:

- A. A district of residence waiting list; and
- B. A non-resident waiting list.

Each list shall be comprised of applicants selected by lottery and listed in the order in which the name was drawn. As space becomes available students will be contacted and offered admission in the order in which their names appear on the list. Nonresidents shall be offered admission when there are no resident applicants for the space available.

All school waiting lists shall expire annually and all waiting applicants subject to reapplication.