



The Roger Bacon Academy

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According to public school law Statutes 115C-238.29F:

Any child who is qualified under the laws of this state for admission to a public school is qualified for admission to charter schools. Charter schools shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability and shall not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, disability, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion or ancestry.

Lottery Procedures

Applications for enrollment will be accepted during the month of January. All applications received during January will have equal priority for the lottery which will be held in February.

After January 31st, all applications will be dated/time stamped by computer submission and will be added to the waiting list in the order received. These applicants will be used to fill available vacancies after the lottery list has been depleted. Applicants who have siblings who are currently enrolled and have been for at least one school year will be given priority. Employees of The Roger Bacon Academy, Charter Day School, and Columbus Charter School will be guaranteed enrollment for their children.

The conduct of the lottery shall be open to the public. Public notice will be sent to all concerned parties at least one week in advance. Prominent members of the local community will be asked to attend the lottery. Additionally, Charter Day School Trustees will be present, if possible.

The names of all children eligible for the lottery will be electronically drawn from an executive report off of the enrollment data base and placed on a slip of paper containing the child's name and the grade they are applying for. The names will then be sorted by grade and placed in individual grade envelopes and sealed. At the time of the lottery, the names will be removed from the sealed envelope and placed in an opaque container.

The lottery will start with kindergarten, followed by the first grade and work its way up through the various grades. The number of anticipated openings will be stated before names are drawn. If no openings exist or when all seats are full, then all names will be drawn for the waiting list.

The first official will draw a name and read it. They will then pass it to the next official who will verify the name drawn and then hand it to the next official for their verification. The name will then be given to the recording secretary for recording. Once the drawing starts, it will not stop until all names for that grade are drawn.

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Waiting List Procedures after the Lottery has Occurred:

If seats become available prior to the first day of school, the student's parent/guardian at the top of the waiting list will be contacted. All the numbers on the student application will be called. If there is no answer, a message will be left on the answer machine. That parent will have to confirm that his/her child will attend the school within 24 hours of the phone call. After 24 hours, the next name will be called, and the first student will go to the bottom of the waiting list. This procedure continues until all names have been called or all seats have been filled.

If seats become available on the first day of school until enrollment closes in October, the student's parent/guardian at the top of the waiting list will be contacted. All the numbers on the student application will be called. If there is no answer, a message will be left on the answering machine. That parent will have to confirm immediately to reserve his/her child's seat. If there is no response, or the parent does not call back right away, that student will go to the bottom of the waiting list and the next child will be called. This procedure continues until all names have been called or all seats have been filled.

Lottery Definitions:

Child of RBA, CDS, or CCS employee: employee must be a parent or court ordered legal guardian of the child applying for enrollment.

Sibling: one of two or more individuals having one common parent.

Multiple Birth Siblings: Twins, Triplets, etc... If multiple birth siblings apply for admission to a charter school and a lottery is needed under G.S. 115C-238.29F(g)(6), the charter school shall enter one surname into the lottery to represent all of the multiple birth siblings. If that surname of the multiple birth siblings is selected, then all of the multiple birth siblings shall be admitted.

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