

Admission of Students

Student Selection Procedures

As per Florida Statute 1002.33, a lottery will be conducted at each grade level to select students for enrollment. All lotteries will be conducted in a manner that ensures each eligible student receives an equal chance of being selected. Applicants will be selected in random order until all applications have been ordered. In order of selection (with consideration of any applicable preference), applicants will be offered admission until all seats have been filled. The remaining students' names will be placed on an ordered waiting list in which their name was selected.

Athenian Academy Charter School shall establish a regular schedule for the random selection of applications, and post this along with the enrollment schedule. The deadlines and process shall be clearly explained on the school's website.

Non-Discrimination

Consistent with Policy 1.5, state and federal statutes, the school will not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability or handicap, sexual orientation or any other legally protected class. All students who are eligible to apply shall be included in the student selection lottery, and have an equal chance of being selected.

Publication of the enrollment process will include a non-discrimination statement.

Student Preferences

The following students will be given a priority in the admission process under State law: Students who were enrolled with the organization the year before.

- Students whose parents are staff members with the organization.
- Students whose parents are on the Governing Board of the organization.
- Students who have siblings enrolled with the organization.
- Students who are the children of an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Selection Process

The selection process will be either held in public with witnesses to the selection or process or be conducted by a third party to ensure all students have an equal chance of being selected for enrollment. On the dates specified within the enrollment schedule, the school shall abide by the following selection process:

All applicants will be placed into the lottery

All completed applications received within the enrollment period up until the enrollment deadline will be included in the lottery.

Openings

The Athenian Academy, in accordance with direction from the Governing Board will determine the number of openings to be filled within the lottery process. The number of openings will be determined based on the contractual limits of the Charter Contract, facility limits, and enrollment limits.

Students by Grade Level

The school shall either use a computerized system which conducts a lottery within the following parameters, or names will be written onto uniform slips of paper and placed into containers by grade levels for selection.

First, students who are allowed preference will be selected and rank ordered, followed by the remaining students at that grade level, who will be added to the rank ordered list. The top number of students on the rank ordered list equal to the number of openings will be offered a position at the school. All remaining students will be added to the waiting list in the order selected. This process will be repeated for each grade level until all students have been ordered.

Parent Notification

After the lottery has been conducted the Athenian Academy shall ensure that the parents of the students who are being offered positions are properly notified. In addition, those students who are placed on the waiting list will be so notified.

Parent Acceptance

Parents will receive notification that they are being offered a position at the school following the student selection lottery. Parents will be given a deadline of 72 hours to respond to the school to confirm or decline the position at the school.

Maintenance of Waiting List

In the event that more students apply to the school than openings are available, the remaining students will be added to the waiting list in the rank order selected in the lottery process. If a waiting list exists prior to a student lottery being conducted, positions will first be filled by the existing waiting list. Students selected in lotteries subsequent to the first enrollment lottery will be added to the bottom of the waiting in the order they were selected.

The school shall maintain the waiting list, and any time an opening becomes available, the school shall contact the next student on the waiting list to offer a position at the school to the family.