



## Admissions and Enrollment Policy

### **Irrawaddy Academy Admissions and Enrollment Policy**

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#### **I. Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to explain how Irrawaddy Academy will decide whom to enroll as pupils in the school.

#### **II. General Statement of Policy:**

Admission to Irrawaddy Academy Charter School is open to all students, without regard to ability, race, religion, or any other factors, other than the capacity of the program and grade level.

#### **III. Application and Procedure:**

(1) Each school year, the Board: (a) establishes by December 31st the open enrollment period applicable to the following school year's admissions; (b) published by December 31st: The school's enrollment application applicable to the following school year, and this Lottery Policy.

(2) Notice to Currently Admitted Students & Staff Employed at the School: Prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period, the school provides notice of the open enrollment period to parents and staff so that siblings of currently admitted students, foster children of parents of currently admitted students, and children of staff may submit a timely application.

(3) Application Processing. Each enrollment application received is date-stamped and also either time-stamped or sequentially stamped by number designating the order in which applications were received for each such date.

(4) Admissions. All applications received during the open enrollment period are automatically accepted for enrollment (i.e. admitted) unless more applications are received than the available enrollment established by the Board for the applicable grade(s). In this situation, all submitted applications for such grade(s) are placed in the lottery; however, siblings of currently admitted students, foster children of parents of currently admitted students, and children of staff employed in school have preference.

(5) Siblings of Admitted Students: ("Siblings") and Foster Children of Parents of Currently Admitted Students ("Foster Siblings"): Siblings and Foster Siblings, who submit an application before the expiration of the open enrollment period, of currently admitted students are



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automatically admitted unless the number of Sibling and Foster Sibling applications exceed the available enrollment established by the Board for the applicable grade(s).

If the number of Sibling and Foster Sibling applications exceeds available enrollment in any grade, a combined Sibling and Foster Sibling lottery is held for each such grade. Siblings and Foster Siblings are admitted to the school in the order in which they are drawn in the lottery. If all available enrollment in a grade is filled by Siblings and/or Foster Siblings, the Sibling and Foster Sibling lottery continues and establishes the Sibling and Foster Sibling waiting list, which has preference over both the staff-children waiting list and the general waiting list.

**(6) Children of Staff Employed at Irrawaddy Academy Charter School:** Children of staff employed at the school who submit an application before the expiration of the open enrollment period, are automatically admitted provided that all Siblings and Foster Siblings (of already admitted students) who submitted a timely application are admitted, and provided there is available enrollment as determined by the Board for the applicable grade(s).

If the number of children of staff exceeds the available enrollment established by the Board for any grade (and after all Siblings and Foster Siblings (of admitted students) who submitted a timely application are admitted), a staff-children lottery is held. Children of staff are admitted to the school in the order in which they are drawn in the lottery. If all available enrollment in a grade is filled by children of staff, the staff-children lottery continues to establish the staff children waiting list for each such grade.

**(7) General Lottery:** If the number of applications received during the open enrollment period exceeds available enrollment established by the Board for any grade (and after Siblings and Foster Siblings (of admitted students) who submitted timely applications are already admitted or establish a Sibling and Foster Sibling waiting list, and after all children of staff employed at the school who submitted a timely application are already admitted or establish a staff-children waiting list), the school conducts a general lottery.

All applications for each such grade(s) (excluding applications from Siblings and Foster Siblings of already admitted students and excluding applications from children of staff employed at the school) received before the expiration of the open enrollment period are included in the general lottery. Students are admitted to the school in the order in which they are drawn in the lottery, as long as there is available enrollment as determined by the Board for the applicable grade(s).

If all available enrollment in any grade is filled, the lottery continues and establishes the general waiting list for each such grade in the order drawn, until all applications are drawn. If a student is admitted through the general lottery and that student has one or more siblings or foster siblings in other grades also subject to a lottery, those siblings and/or foster siblings are automatically admitted as long as available enrollment as determined by the Board remains in the applicable grade(s).

**(8) Applications received after the open enrollment period expires are automatically admitted as**



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long as there is available enrollment as established by the Board in the applicable grade, in the order received. If, or once, there is no available enrollment in any grade, applications are added to the applicable waiting list for each such grade, in the order received.

(9) The School conducts all lotteries through a method of random selection.

#### **IV. General Admission Procedures:**

**(1) Order of Admission:** Siblings and Foster Siblings of Already Admitted Students, then Children of Staff Employed at the School, then General Admissions

**(2) No waiting list carryover from year to year:** Each waiting list is subject to a lottery and redrawn during each admission process each year.

**(3) Multiple births (twins, triplets, etc):** Each student seeking admission completes an application (i.e. not one application for the family). In a lottery situation, each student receives an individual number/lot in the lottery.

**(4) Lottery Grade Order:** Applicable lotteries occur from lowest grade to highest grade. For example, if a lottery is required in grades K and 3, the grade K lottery is conducted first, followed by the grade 1 lottery.

#### **V. Administration Reservation of Rights:**

**(1)** The Administration shall promulgate additional rules, procedures and/or guidelines from time to time as may be reasonably necessary to ensure orderly compliance with the Policy.

Legal References:

Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.11



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