

The Lottery Process

1. The name of each prospective student is written on or affixed to a 3x5 card.
2. The selection procedure will be conducted one grade level at a time with the order for each grade level selected randomly. All cards, regardless of preference, are placed in a container one grade level at a time.
3. Each card is selected one at a time by a third party who is not affiliated with Falcon Ridge. This person will pass the card to another individual who writes a number (indicating the order drawn) and a letter (indicating order of preference) on each card.
4. The letters are as follows:
 - A – Returning students
 - B – Children of founders (not to exceed 10% of the student population – Falcon Ridge will be allowed up to 25) and children of teachers who have taught at least one year at Falcon Ridge
 - C – Siblings of students already selected
 - D – Prospective students who live within attendance boundaries
 - E – Prospective students who live outside the attendance boundaries
5. With regard to the sibling preference, if the name of the person selected has a sibling in a higher grade who has already been selected, but the person previously selected did not have the letter “C” written on his or her index card (because a sibling had not been selected for admission prior to the selection of the index card of that person), then the letter “C” shall now be written on that person’s index card at this time.
6. After all index cards have been selected for each grade, then the index cards shall be sorted for each grade level in accordance with the following procedure. All index cards with the letter “A” shall be sorted first, based on the chronological order of the selection number written on each index card; followed by all index cards with the letter “B”, based on the chronological order of the selection number written on each index card; followed by all index cards with the letter “C”, based on the chronological order of the selection number written on each index card; followed by all index cars with the letter “D”, based on the chronological order of the selection number written on each index card; followed, finally, by all index cards containing the letter “E”, based on the chronological order of the selection number written on each index card.

7. After all the index cards have been drawn and sorted for all grade levels, the names shall be transferred by grade level, and in such order as preferences apply, to the final selection list.

8. Final Selection List: The names of the persons in the highest order on the final selection list shall have the highest priority for admission to the public charter school in that grade, and shall be offered admission to the public charter school in such grade until all seats for that grade are filled.

9. All students in each grade who are not selected to attend Falcon Ridge will be placed on the waiting list. Any seat that is vacated during the school year will be offered to the next eligible student on the waiting list.

10. Within seven days of the lottery, letters/email will be sent notifying parents/guardians that their child is either eligible to attend Falcon Ridge Public Charter School or has been placed on the waiting list.

According to Public Charter Schools Law, Section 33-5205 "...There shall be no carryover from year to year of the list maintained to fill vacancies. A new lottery shall be conducted each year to fill vacancies which become available."

The above information is intended as a brief overview of how the lottery will work. If there are any further questions regarding details of the lottery, they may be sent to

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