

Charter Enrollment Goals

Options for Consideration

The Educational Excellence Committee is preparing to consider changes to our enrollment policies, lottery priorities and attendance zone in the interest of a) meeting the Georgia Department of Education's diversity requirements for charter schools in the state and b) meeting our charter goals for socioeconomic diversity.

What follows is a list of options that have been proposed/discussed at this point. The committee will continue to deliberate in an open fashion at public meetings, with a goal of reaching a recommendation for our upcoming charter renewal application.

A final recommendation may include some version or a combination of any of the proposals listed below. The current application and enrollment policies for the 2020-2021 academic year will remain the same. Any changes would impact students entering the 2021-2022 academic year or later. The committee may also decide to recommend that our current policies and priorities remain intact.

Attendance Zone:

- Expand attendance zone to the entire Jackson Cluster, as defined by Atlanta Public Schools.
- Expand attendance zone to include specific adjacent neighborhoods, or specific Neighborhood Planning Units (e.g. W, V, Y, etc.).

Lottery Preferences & Policies

- Increase the lottery weighting for economically disadvantaged applications (e.g. from 4-1 to 10-1).
- Elevate the priority for economically disadvantaged applicants from neighborhoods outside of our tier 1 attendance zone.
 - Economically disadvantaged applicants from the tier 1 attendance zone would remain at a higher priority

It should be noted that, in addition to these considerations, the school is taking proactive measures to recruit a student body that is racially and socioeconomically diverse. Efforts include targeted social media advertisements, a school tour schedule that is more frequently and starts earlier in the year, and personal recruitment efforts by the school leadership team.