



AoA Lottery Preferences

2020/21 School Year

The Academy of Alameda
Public Schools

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Students who are exempt from the lottery for Elementary and Middle School are:

- Children currently attending The Academy of Alameda
- Children of current Academy staff and board members (not to exceed 10% of The Academy's Enrollment)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUBLIC RANDOM DRAWING

In accordance with Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(B), admission preferences in the case of a lottery shall be given to the following students in the following order below:

1. Siblings of existing students of The Academy of Alameda Elementary School and Middle School
2. Residents of the Alameda Unified School District
3. All other students

MIDDLE SCHOOL PUBLIC RANDOM DRAWING

In accordance with Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(B), admission preferences in the case of a lottery shall be given to the following students in the following order below:

1. Students who will matriculate from 5th grade at The Academy of Alameda Elementary School
2. Siblings of students currently attending The Academy of Alameda Elementary School and The Academy of Alameda
3. Residents of the Alameda Unified School District
4. All other students



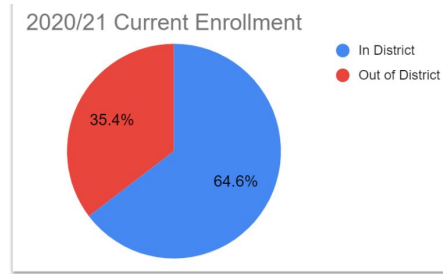
Historical Overview

- Charter Schools are required to accept all qualified applicants from anywhere in California who apply.
- When the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available in any grade level, charter schools hold lotteries to determine their enrollment offers.
- The Academy of Alameda gives preferences to Alameda residents due to its history of serving Alameda students, the status of its long-term lease that requires that at least 60% of its total student population (K-8) are residents of the Alameda Unified School.
- And there is an incentive to serve a higher percentage of students from Alameda due to the money that we receive for in-district students via the Parcel Tax.
- Since at least 2014, in-district and out-of district siblings have been given the same lottery priority.



Current Reality

- Our percentage of in-district enrollment has decreased over the past four years - particularly in the middle school.
- Current in-district enrollment is:



- We currently have **131** families with children in both schools
 - From the above, 69 families with children in both schools are in-district and 62 families who live outside of the district have children in both schools.
- Since December 15, 2020, the percentage of in-district applicants has **increased** to approximately 50% for Kindergarten and the 6th grades.

We are focusing our promotional outreach efforts even more on Alameda residents.

- Social media (targeting Alameda residents)
- Reaching out to preschools including Alameda Head Start

Recommendation on Amending AoA's Lottery Preferences

- I believe that we should keep our current lottery preferences that give in-district and out-of-district siblings equal preference for the 2020/21 school year.
- I will make a recommendation to the Board regarding our lottery preferences for the 2021/22 school year at next September's Board meeting based on a full analysis of the enrollment data.



Questions/Comments

