
PROGENY ACADEMY

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POLICY #591: ADMISSIONS

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Progeny Academy

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I. Purpose

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

II. General Statement of Policy

Progeny Academy follows Minnesota Statutes 124E.11 in its enrollment practices. The text of the law is provided below.

- (a) A charter school may limit admission to:
 - (1) pupils within an age group or grade level;
 - (2) pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under section 124D.68; or
 - (3) residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.
- (b) A charter school shall enroll an eligible pupil who submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The charter school must develop and publish, including on its Web site, a lottery policy and process that it must use when accepting pupils by lot.
- (c) A charter school shall give enrollment preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot. A charter school that is located in Duluth township in St. Louis County and admits students in kindergarten through grade 6 must give enrollment preference to students residing within a five-mile radius of the school and to the siblings of enrolled children. A charter school may give enrollment preference to children currently enrolled in the school's free preschool or prekindergarten program under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year.

- (d) A person shall not be admitted to a charter school (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except that a charter school may establish and publish on its Web site a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the enrollment process in paragraphs (b) and (c).
- (e) Except as permitted in paragraph (d), a charter school may not limit admission to pupils on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability and may not establish any criteria or requirements for admission that are inconsistent with this section.
- (f) The charter school shall not distribute any services or goods of value to students, parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student in a charter school.
- (g) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled in the school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.
- (h) A charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for special education services and have a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing may enroll prekindergarten pupils with a disability under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (i), and must comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.324, subsection (2), clause (iv).

III. Procedures

1. Information regarding enrollment deadlines and procedures will be published on the school's Application Form and school website. Information about Minnesota Statute 124E.11 will be included on the form.
2. Each year Progeny Academy will inform the public of the deadline for submitting Application Forms for admissions for the following school year.
3. Progeny Academy will annually publish a date for its initial annual lottery for admission for the following school year.
4. The Director will conduct the lottery on the designated date.
5. Spaces that open after a class is filled through the initial lottery will be filled by lot from available applicants at the time the space is made available.
6. Families will be notified by mail regarding their child's status during the admissions process.

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