

HOPE CHARTER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ENROLLMENT AND LOTTERY POLICIES

Hope Charter Leadership Academy is a tuition-free, public charter school. Any student who is qualified under the laws of this State for admission to a public school, is qualified for admission to Hope Charter. According to NC G.S.115C-218.55, a charter school shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability.

To qualify for admission to a NC public school, a student must be a resident of North Carolina. In order to be eligible to apply for admission to Hope Charter Leadership Academy, the student must reside in the state of North Carolina. However, North Carolina County boundaries or school attendance areas do not affect charter school enrollment. In addition, Hope Charter does not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, disability, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion, or ancestry.

There is no application fee for charter school admission.

Prior to the application period, Hope Charter will announce on its website when the initial application for admission will be made available, in addition to the deadline for submission, and the date/time/location of the public lottery drawing. The initial application period will be no less than 30 calendar days. Initial applications must be completed by the prospective student's parents(s) or legal guardian.

Applications are completed and submitted online. Once the application period is opened, applications can be accessed here: [online application](#). For those without digital access, there will be a computer available in the Main Office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on school days during the time of the application period.

For Kindergarten admissions, the student must be 5 years old prior to August 31 of the enrollment year (NC G.S. 115C-364).

THE LOTTERY

If the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the program, class, grade level, or building, a lottery will be held (NC G.S. 115C-218.45h). The lottery is publicly noticed annually, and open for public observation. Since the number of applications Hope Charter receives each year far exceeds the spaces available, Hope Charter Leadership Academy holds a lottery each spring.

The Lottery for the 2018/2019 School Year was held on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 10:00 am. The open enrollment window has officially closed, however any new applicants will be added to the waitlist of their prospective grade levels. All students are required by NC Charter School law to complete an application for admission.

Applications completed online through this website are digitally recorded and lists are generated for the lottery. An unaffiliated adult pulls names for each grade level, first for the available seats, and then to determine the order of the wait list. Anyone interested to attend this public lottery is welcome.

Applications can be found and completed [here](#). If a family is unable to access the internet we will provide a paper application to parents as requested.

All applicants to the lottery must be North Carolina residents at time of the lottery with a physical North Carolina address. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31 of the enrollment year to apply for Kindergarten.

ENROLLMENT PRIORITY

Hope Charter Leadership Academy follows all rules and regulations regarding enrollment priority as specified in North Carolina Charter School Law 115C-218.45. The Hope Charter Leadership Academy Board of Directors has decided to offer admissions priority for the following tiers in the 2019-2020 lottery:

1. **SCHOOL EMPLOYEES:** Priority is given to children of full-time Hope Charter Leadership Academy employees.
2. **BOARD MEMBERS:** Priority is given to children of Hope Charter Leadership Academy Board Members. (Total numbers of Tiers 1 & 2 are limited to no more than 15% of the school's total enrollment, unless granted a waiver by the State Board of Education.)
3. **SIBLINGS:** Once one child in the family is a member of the Hope Charter Leadership Academy community, siblings of enrolled students receive preferred enrollment status the following year. The term "siblings" applies to any of the following students who reside in the same household: half-siblings, step-siblings, and children residing together in the same family foster home. If multiple birth siblings apply to the school, they will be entered in the lottery separately. When that number is drawn and a class opening is available, the student's name will be entered for that particular grade level. This does not mean that they all SHALL be offered enrollment. If their number is drawn and there are fewer class openings than multiple birth siblings, they will all be admitted until we reach building code capacity. In the case that there is not building capacity for some of the multiple birth siblings, a separate lottery, held prior to the general lottery, will determine the siblings' order of entry. In the case that there is not a class opening when a multiple birth number is drawn, all multiple birth siblings will be put on the waiting list. Their order of entry will be determined in a separate lottery prior to the general lottery.

LOTTERY PROCESS

After the lottery has selected students for all available spaces and parents are notified, the drawing will continue to determine the order of a waiting list. The school's wait list will be

updated regularly and parents of students placed on the wait list will receive periodic communication as to their student's place.

If a student has been selected in the lottery, the parent/guardian of the student will receive an acceptance notification via email. If the parent is unable to receive email, an acceptance letter will be mailed to the child's residence.

The lottery results and waiting lists are then posted on this website, and updates are provided as changes occur.

ENROLLMENT

As stated, offers of enrollment will be delivered to lottery-selected children through the emails that were provided on their digital application. Prospective families are required to either accept or decline the offer via email or in writing, to document their response.

Parents, or appointed or court appointed legal guardians of prospective students, will be given a deadline to communicate their decision to either accept or decline Hope Charter's offer of enrollment. If Hope Charter does not receive a written response to the offer of enrollment by the close of business (4 pm) on the date provided, the lack of response will be considered an effective "declining" of the offer, the student's name will be placed at the end of the wait list for their grade level, and the offer will be presented to the next prospective student on that specific grade's waiting list.

Families who accept an offer of enrollment must submit required enrollment documents. These include a copy of their student's birth certificate, proof of residency, as well as the student's immunization records, all of which must be submitted to the school by the given deadline. If we do not receive these enrollment documents by the deadline, the student's offer/seat may be forfeited, and the seat will be offered to the next student on the waiting list.

HOPE CHARTER'S RIGHT TO REFUSE ENROLLMENT

Hope Charter Leadership Academy reserves the right to refuse to enroll any student currently under a term of expulsion or suspension by his or her school until that term is over.

Hope Charter Leadership Academy reserves the right to refuse to enroll a student if a parent willingly and knowingly provided incorrect information on either the student's application for admission, or on the documents submitted at the time of enrollment.