

LOTTERY PROCEDURE AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Why is E.L. Haynes holding a lottery?

By law all DC Public Charter Schools must hold a lottery if the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available on or before their deadline.

What is a lottery? Who is eligible to participate?

A lottery refers to the selection of applicants by a random method such as the blind drawing of numbers from a container until the numbers in the container have been exhausted.

Only applicants who have submitted applications by the deadline for that grade level are eligible to participate in the lottery.

Haynes will continue to accept applications after the lottery. Applications received after the lottery will be offered a space if one is available or placed on the waitlist in order of submission date. (Earlier applications will receive a higher spot on the waitlist)

Is there a sibling/staff preference at E.L. Haynes?

In accordance with the DC charter law, siblings of enrolled students and the children of salaried staff members receive a preference in their admission to a charter school.

Siblings participate in a sibling lottery to determine in what order siblings will be offered open seats. The sibling lottery creates a sibling waiting list. When a new seat opens up, the student at the top of the sibling waiting list for that grade is invited to enroll. Once the sibling waiting list is exhausted, then the first student on the regular waiting list is invited to enroll.

What happens after the lottery?

All families will be notified via US postal mail of their waitlist number. Please make sure our office has your up-to-date contact information.

If your child is offered a space at E.L. Haynes PCS, you will be asked to complete E.L. Haynes' Online Enrollment Form and submit certain required documents. Enrollment is only complete when all the registration materials have been received and DC residency confirmed. If you are granted a space at Haynes, please pay close attention to the deadlines by which time the Front Office will need completed enrollment packets. Failure to meet those deadlines puts your child's space at Haynes at risk.

Even if your child is not admitted before school begins, occasionally a student may move. If that happened, your child could be invited to enroll for the school year after school begins.

Please Note: E.L. Haynes is not allowed to carry over waitlists from one enrollment season to the next. Past applicants not currently enrolled at E.L. Haynes PCS must submit a new application each school year.

What if I have more questions?

Additional information about E.L. Haynes can be found on our website, www.elhaynes.org. If you would like to speak to someone, please call us at 202-667-4446.

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