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CHARTERS

THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

Charter schools accept as many students as they can based on their enrollment capacity. Submit your application by April 5, 2024, to increase your student's opportunity of getting a seat.



All applications received by April 5, 2024, are added to the school's applicant list. Families then wait to hear whether the school has more applicants than open student seats. If that is the case, the school must hold a lottery to choose which applicants are selected for admission.



On April 9, 2024, depending on the number of applicants and the number of seats open in a given grade, the school either:



A) Admits All Applicants
If the number of applicants is equal to or less than the number of open seats, every student on the applicant list is admitted.

or



B) Holds a lottery to allocate students to seats. If there are more applicants than seats available, the school holds a lottery. In some cases, schools may apply certain preferences. For example: siblings of current students and students from underprivileged backgrounds.



All students not admitted to the school via a lottery are added to a waitlist in an order determined by the lottery. Families will receive a notification of their waitlist number. When space in the school becomes available, the school must offer enrollment to families on the waitlist in the order in which they appear. Applications submitted after April 5, 2024, are added to the end of the waitlist. It is very common for the waitlist to change throughout the summer.

Apply at www.enrollbuffalocharters.org



Apply to up to 15 public charter schools at once.

EBC allows you to complete one online form to apply to up to 15 public charter schools in Buffalo via the application platform SchoolMint. In addition to applying to all schools you are interested in with one application, EBC's website provides more information about school location and programs.

Apply now to meet the April 5, 2024, deadline!

Completing an application takes only a few minutes. In order to be included in the April 9, 2024, lottery, applications are due by April 5, 2024. Applications submitted after April 5 will go to the end of each school's waitlist. There is no downside to applying - enrollment is optional once it is offered. Visit www.enrollbuffalocharters.org to apply now.

One application, separate school processes.

While you can apply to many schools at once through the EBC, each school maintains its own admissions policies. The EBC application includes some optional questions that only apply to one or a few schools and are relevant to those schools' admissions preferences for certain student populations considered to be disadvantaged. Completing these questions may give your student a better chance of admissions in the applicable schools' lotteries.

Applications Due April 5, 2024; Lottery on April 9, 2024.

After April 5, schools will determine whether they are able to admit all applicants for a given grade, or must hold a lottery to randomly assign seats. Each school will independently run their lotteries, as needed, on April 9.

After the Lottery.

After the lottery, you will be notified via email and/or text about your student's admission status for each school to which you applied. If your student is offered enrollment, each offering school will send an enrollment offer to complete or you will be notified that you have been placed on the waitlist. You should wait until you have heard back from all schools by the end of the day on April 10, 2024, before accepting an offer of admission. Families assigned to the waitlist should be prepared for their waitlist number to change throughout the Spring and Summer and can monitor it on the SchoolMint platform.

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