

# Lottery

## Philosophy

Renaissance Academy will conduct all aspects of the lottery in accordance with state law.

## Standards

- Lottery information and standards can be found on our website including dates, procedure and timelines.
- The lottery will take place after the annual re-enrollment process is complete.
- Following the lottery, notification to the student's parent or legal guardian of acceptance or rejection of an application will occur within six weeks after the lottery or by March 31, whichever is earlier.
- If the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or the school, students shall be selected on a random basis through an enrollment lottery. In accordance with Utah code 53A-1A-506, Renaissance Academy gives preference to the following individuals in the following order: founding families, a student of a parent who is a full-time employee of Renaissance Academy and siblings of students currently enrolled at Renaissance Academy. If a student is offered and accepts enrollment, any siblings of that student will be offered enrollment if a position is available.
- If the lottery pool is exhausted for a specific grade, enrollment will occur on a first come, first serve basis.
- Once a student's parent or legal guardian is contacted and offered placement, the family will be given five school business days to give acceptance or declination of the position (forms will be available online or can be picked up at the front office). The enrollment specialist will document the date and time of the initial contact. The school is not responsible for any incorrect information, including contact information, student grade next year, or birth date that is not correctly imputed into the lottery or registration portal by prospective families.

## Waiting List

- Students not selected for enrollment by the lottery will be placed on a wait list in the order they are drawn from the lottery. Students who would have lottery preference who were not included in the lottery will be placed on a preference list and will be enrolled before the regular wait list in the following order: children of founders, children of full time employees, siblings of current students.
- Students on the wait list will be contacted once an opening becomes available in their grade level.
- Renaissance will resume acceptance of applications for enrollment the day following the Lottery.
- After October 1st, the wait list will no longer be maintained. Contact data may be kept to inform families of future enrollment opportunities. All applicants who are not offered positions at the school will need to re-enter the lottery for subsequent years.

## **Admissions Age Requirement**

Renaissance Academy adheres to the guidelines of the Utah State Office of Education and practices an open admission policy. According to Utah State Law, students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age before September 1.

### **Rules and Regulations - No. 5162 (Ref Policy No. 5162)**

1.0 By Utah State law, the following requirements must be met for a child to enter kindergarten:

1.1 The child must be five years of age on or before September first of the year in which admission is sought. To verify age, a valid birth certificate must be submitted to the school where admission is sought prior to the starting of school [Utah Code 53A-3-402(5)].

1.2 The child must have been immunized in accordance with the rules adopted by the Department of Health. As proof of compliance, a certificate of immunization must be submitted to the school where admission is sought prior to starting school [Utah Code 53A-11-301 and 53A-11-302].

1.2.1 A child may be exempted from the immunization rules for personal, medical, or religious objections.

1.2.2 A child who has not completely complied with the immunization requirements may enter school under conditional enrollment provided that the child has received at least one dose of each vaccine required.

1.2.3 A child may enter school without a certificate of immunization if the child has moved to the state within 30 days of entry into school. To stay in school, a valid certificate of immunization must be presented to the school within 30 days of entry.