



STREAM Lottery Process 2023 – 2024

Applications for available spaces in the following school year will be accepted from the first school day in January at 8am until the second Friday in March at 4pm. This year those dates are January 3 – March 10, 2023. Applications may be completed online at streamcharterschool.org. Following the open enrollment period each year, applications shall be counted to determine whether any grade level has received more applications than availability. If more applications than available openings have occurred, the Charter School will hold a public random drawing (or “lottery”) to determine admission for the impacted grade level(s), with the exception of existing students, who are guaranteed admission in the following school year. Admission preferences in the case of a lottery shall be given to pupils currently attending the Charter School, siblings of pupils currently attending the Charter School, and pupils who reside within the Oroville Elementary School District boundaries, as noted below, as required by Education Code section 47605(d).

Each applicant (student) is assigned a four digit number (to retain privacy). Numbers are sequenced by grade level, beginning with transitional kindergarten (0001) through eighth grade (8001). Students’ numbers will be written on chips and placed in a tub for the drawing. Chips will be drawn out individually and listed in the order of drawing. California law requires that students from the authorizing district (OCESD) be given a preference during the lottery, so OCESD students will have their number written on two chips, while students from outside the district will have their number written on one chip. Student lottery numbers will be made available to the parent/guardian(s) via email the week prior to the lottery.

Each grade will be drawn separately, beginning with transitional kindergarten and proceeding through eighth grade. Each student will be listed, by number, in the order in which they are drawn. Once the lottery is over this list is used by the office to determine the class list and wait list. If openings are available in a class, students from the list are contacted to fill the openings, once a class list is full, the remaining numbers will be listed, in order, on the waiting list. This list will be maintained through the school year. Waiting lists do not transfer from one year to another.

Siblings (children living in the same household) of students who are already enrolled at STREAM will be given enrollment preference. Up to 10% of school enrollment is also available, as a priority, to children of employees. If there are more applicants who are siblings of enrolled students or children of employees than available space, a lottery will be held for those students first and those not drawn for the available space will be placed on the waiting list. If there are fewer applicants who are siblings of enrolled students or children of employees than available space, then they will be placed on the class list and the remaining space will be filled by applicants who do not have enrolled siblings or a lottery for remaining space will be held if there are more applicants than space available. If available space is filled by siblings of enrolled students or children of employees, and there are more applications than available space, a lottery will be held to build the waiting list.

All enrollment forms of siblings of enrolled students or children of employees must be returned before the second Friday in March (March 10, 2023) by 4pm, the same as all other applicants.

On the day of the lottery, student numbers will be listed in the order they are drawn to ensure accuracy of placement. The week following the lottery staff will ensure the order of student numbers has been confirmed, after that then staff will begin to notify families by email or phone regarding enrollment or waiting list placement. This is often two weeks after the lottery is held.

Students who are offered enrollment (before the beginning of the new school year) will have two weeks from the date they were offered to submit enrollment forms. If enrollment forms are not submitted within two weeks, we will offer the enrollment to the next person on the waiting list. That student will then have two weeks to return enrollment forms. This process continues until space is filled.