

# Admission

Voyage Academy is a public charter school that does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, or religion. Voyage Academy admissions and transfer policies comply with the Utah Code [53A-1a506.5](#).

Voyage serves students Kindergarten through 6th grade, with approximately 25 students per class with the exception of Kindergarten which will be limited to approximately 18 students per class. In filling the school with students, the mission of Voyage Academy is considered at every applicable instance.

**"The mission of Voyage Academy is that through Expeditionary Learning, children will explore Life Skills and gain personal responsibility. As they strive for excellence in the molding of their future, they will become honest, compassionate and respectful seekers of learning."**

Voyage Academy fills its student enrollment based on the following priority:

- 1. Open Enrollment**

Once a student has been admitted to the school through an appropriate process, he or she may remain in attendance through subsequent grades. A new applicant for admission to the charter school, however, would be subject to the lottery if, as of the open enrollment closing date, the total number of applicants exceeds the number of spaces available at the school. Open Enrollment dates will be publicly announced and will adhere to Utah State Statute.

- 2. Lottery Selection**

A lottery is a random selection process by which Voyage admits applicants. Voyage will use a lottery if, during the open enrollment period, more students apply for admission to the charter school (in any grade) than can be admitted. During a public meeting, an accepted lottery process will be used to select students. The random drawing will begin with 6th grade, proceeding down through Kindergarten, and each student is assigned a number identifying the order in which they are drawn. Following the lottery preferential enrollment is addressed. Afterwards classes are filled to capacity using the sequence obtained from the lottery drawing.

When a student is admitted to the school through the process, all siblings of that student are admitted immediately, if space is available. If space is not available for a particular grade, that sibling will be placed on the waiting list. Students not selected will remain on a waiting list, preserving the order as determined by the lottery, giving preference to siblings of attending students. Voyage will notify applicants of the lottery results within 2 weeks. Students placed on the waiting list will be given the opportunity to attend the school if openings become available during the school year. Families will be notified and students have 3 school days to accept the opening. Students who apply after the enrollment period will be admitted as space allows or will be added to the waiting list through subsequent lotteries.

# Transfer and Withdrawal Policy

Student transfers between Utah's public charter schools and school districts are governed by Utah State Law.

## **Transferring to Voyage**

If a student has been offered a position at Voyage and wishes to accept, the student's parent must complete the [Notification of Transfer and Request for Records Form](#), obtain the required signature from the student's current school, and submit it to Voyage administration before the deadline provided in the student's acceptance letter.

## **Withdrawing from Voyage**

If a student has accepted enrollment in Voyage and the parent wishes to withdraw the student from Voyage for enrollment in another school, the student's parent must complete the [Notification of Intent to Withdraw](#) Form and submit it to Voyage Administration in order to complete the withdrawal of the student.

Student records will be released as soon as all appropriate paperwork is completed.