



Advantage Academy

Enrollment Application Form (STEP 1) PRE-K ONLY

2017/2018 School Year

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ADMISSION/ENROLLMENT

Advantage Academy is an open enrollment charter school, which is a public school of choice. In order for a student to be admitted, the parent must follow the established guidelines for the admission and lottery process which includes all children who are within the geographic area described in the Advantage Academy charter contract.

Advantage Academy complies with all state and federal regulations regarding admission and no student will be discriminated against on the basis of sex; national origin; ethnicity; religion; disability; academic, artistic, or athletic ability; or the district the child would otherwise attend under state law.

Advantage Academy reserves the right to deny admission to a student with a previous expulsion or other serious documented behavioral incidents under Texas Education Code chapter 37, subchapter.

To enroll a student at Advantage Academy, the following documentation will be required:

- State Certified Birth Certificate
- Your child's Social Security Card (if available; if not, the student will be assigned a state ID number)
- Complete immunization records (date, month and year of every immunization received)
- Proof of residency (current utility bill: electric, water, or gas; homeowners or apartment lease agreement with parent's name; or a property tax statement)
- Parents/Guardian ID (driver's license, state issued ID or passport)

State law requires that students who receive approval for enrollment must attend school on the first day of the school year to be officially enrolled. If a child fails to attend school on the first day after school begins or any of the admission requirements have not been fulfilled, are inaccurate, or remain incomplete, the child may lose their classroom or grade level space and that space may be awarded to another eligible child. Falsification of enrollment information is a serious offense. In addition to the penalty provided by Section 37.10, Penal Code, a person who knowingly falsifies information required for enrollment of a student in a public school will become ineligible for enrollment and will be subject to immediate withdrawal.

Open Registration

Open registration applications are accepted February 1 through February 29. It is recommended that parents visit their desired campus to begin the admission/enrollment process. Parents will be able to enroll their new student(s) at Advantage Academy as well as update their returning student's information. Please review our campus locations to determine which school your child should attend. Prior to visiting the campus to enroll, it is recommended that parents collect all required admission/enrollment documentation for each new student.

To attend any public school in Texas, the State of Texas requires that children be five years old on or before September 1 to enter Kindergarten. First graders must be six years old by September 1 of the current year unless the child has completed public kindergarten in another state/country or has been receiving public first grade instruction in another state/country.

1. Initially, the school will place current students, siblings of current students, and intercampus transfers into appropriate spaces for the next school year.
2. The school then determines the remaining number of available spaces.
3. Registration thereafter shall remain open and students shall be placed in available spaces for each class having openings.
4. If at the close of open registration, the number of applicants exceeds available spaces, a lottery will be conducted.

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Lottery

Available spaces at Advantage Academy will be filled in the order in which applications are received prior to the conclusion of the Open Registration period. However, after the application deadline, if the number of children interested in a specific grade exceeds the number of seats available for that grade, names will be drawn through a random selection or lottery process and those names placed on a "waitlist." If and when spaces become available, students will be selected and moved off the waitlist in the order of where they are on the list. Lotteries will be conducted according to the following procedures:

1. Name and grade level of lottery participants will be written on individual slips of paper and placed in a container. The Superintendent or designee will draw the slips from the container. Drawn names will be placed onto the appropriate wait list based on the order of their draw. Parents will be notified of their child's position on the list.
2. Once the lottery has placed all eligible applicants in order on the appropriate wait list, all subsequent applicants will be placed on waitlists on a first-come, first served basis.
3. When contacted by the school that a space has come available and a child has been selected from a waitlist to fill that space, the parents of the child selected will have 48 hours to notify the campus principal or campus designee in writing of their acceptance of the available position. Failure to notify the campus within the 48 hour period will be considered a declination of the offer of admission.
4. A voluntary or involuntary declination of an admission offer is an irrevocable decision and the available space will be immediately offered to the next child on that waitlist.
5. Once a child is selected from a waitlist, and the parent accepts the offer of admission, an Advantage Academy New Student Enrollment Form (step 2) must then be completed.

Returning students, siblings of those students and intercampus transfers having priority are exempt from the lottery process

Families who fill out an Advantage Academy 'Enrollment Application (step 1)' after the application deadline will not be included in the lottery. Those children will be added to the appropriate waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis.

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