



ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT POLICY

California

Rocketship schools are free, open-enrollment public schools for District of Columbia children who meet our age and residence requirements, as further described below. This policy covers our admissions assurances; procedures for applications, lottery, and wait list; and registration process, including age and residency requirements.

I. Admissions Assurances

Rocketship shall not administer any test or assessment to students prior to acceptance and enrollment into Rocketship. Rocketship will not limit enrollment on the basis of a student's race, color, religion, national origin, language spoken, intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or status as a student with special needs.

II. Application and Public Random Drawing

Rocketship will accept applications during a publicly-advertised open application period each year for enrollment in the following school year. Following the open application period each year, applications will be counted to determine whether any grade level has received more applications than availability.

In this event that this occurs, each Rocketship school in DC will hold a public random drawing to determine enrollment for the impacted grade level, with the exception of existing students, who are guaranteed enrollment in the following school year.

Enrollment preferences in the case of a public random drawing will be allowed in the following order of preference:

- (1) Siblings of currently enrolled students
- (2) Children of employees of the school site (not to exceed 10% of total enrollment)
- (3) Residents of the district in which the school is located
- (4) Other California residents

Students qualifying for more than one preference group will be considered part of the highest preference in which they qualify.

III. Wait List

At the conclusion of the public random drawing, all students who were not granted admission due to capacity will be given the option to put their name on a wait list in the order according to their draw in the public random drawing. This wait list will allow students the option of enrollment in the case of an opening during the school year. The wait list will not carry over from year to year.

IV. Registration Process

Upon selection for admission pursuant to public random drawing, the registration process will include the following:

- Proof of Immunization, in accordance with Rocketship's [Immunization Policy](#);
- Home Language Survey;
- Completion of Emergency Medical Information Form
- Proof of minimum age requirements (i.e. birth certificate), further described below;
- Proof of residency, further described below.

Rocketship feels strongly that success for students requires a commitment, from both students and parents, to the school's mission and vision. During the registration process, all parents/guardians will be asked to sign a Commitment Letter indicating that they understand Rocketship philosophy, program, and volunteer policies. Students will not be denied admission or dis-enrolled for a parent/guardian's failure to sign the Commitment Letter.

V. Age Requirements

Pursuant to EC § 48000(a), all students entering kindergarten at Rocketship must be five years of age on or before September 1st of the current school year.

VI. Student Withdrawals

In accordance with EC § 47605(d)(3), if a student is expelled or leaves Rocketship without completing the school year for any reason, Rocketship will notify the superintendent of the school district of the student's last known address within 30 days. Upon request, Rocketship will also provide that school district with a copy of the student's cumulative record, including a transcript of grades and health information.

Note that some Rocketship schools in California may also be required to notify the charter authorizer under the existing MOU.