

Santa Fe South Lottery and Application Policy

Application Process

1. Charter School Law states that we must have an open policy in our application process and cannot deny anyone the right to apply. Anyone may apply using the online application accessible through the Santa Fe South website. A student on long-term suspension will not be considered for the lottery until the suspension is served.
2. The Santa Fe South electronic lottery will be held on the 15th of each month (or the first school day after the 15th) beginning March 15th and continuing through July 15th
3. Applicants are not carried forward from the previous year. Each new applicant must submit an application each year.
4. Provided they complete registration and are a Student in Good Standing (SIGS), all current SFS students automatically retain their seat at SFS for the next school year and do not complete an application.
5. Only one application will be accepted for each student. Parents have the option to designate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for schools.
6. Only applications completed by the 12th of each month will be considered for that month's lottery. Any students who receive a seat through the lottery but who had false information on the application will be removed from the seat and placed back into the lottery for the following month.
7. Students who are offered a seat but do not submit registration and required documents by the last day of the month in which they were offered a seat will be placed back into the lottery.

Lottery Process

LOTTERY PRIORITY LEVELS

1. Children of SFS employees, Military children, Foster children living in the household of a Santa Fe South sibling or employee
2. Siblings of current SFS students or graduates
3. Children of SFS Alumni
4. All other applicants

WAITLIST INFO

1. Per the SFS Charter, student applications from the first lottery will be given priority over subsequent lotteries regardless of priority level. Exceptions will be made for faculty and staff children requesting a seat after the first lottery.
2. Per Info Snap regulations, only the District Power School Administrator has the ability to move students from the waitlist to the seated list after the lottery has been run. All movement is discussed so that students are moved consistent to SFS Lottery requirements. If a student declines an offered seat, that seat will remain open until the next lottery.
3. After June 15, lotteries will be triggered as needed to replenish the waitlist in order to fill any open seats.
4. Once the school year begins, any applicant who has a sibling given a seat in a previous lottery and actively attending a Santa Fe South School will become a sibling and prioritized accordingly.

NOTE: Alpha students and parents are required to attend an interview before being officially offered a seat. However, student priority levels and waitlist order must still be followed unless a student is being moved from SFS High School or Pathways Middle College High School to the Alpha Program.

Special Circumstances must be approved by the Director of Compliance in conjunction with the Superintendent.

