

# DREW CHARTER SCHOOL

## Admission and Enrollment Policy for the Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program at Drew Charter School

Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program’s enrollment policy reflects Drew Charter School’s desire to serve students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds while functioning as a linchpin of the neighborhood revitalization in East Lake. Consistent with these principles and applicable law, starting with applications for the 2022-2023 school year, Drew Charter School will use the following enrollment priorities to determine the order of admission for new students in the Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program.

**For 2022-2023 through 2026-2027, the enrollment priorities are as follows.**

Enrollment Priority	Description
Priority A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are a member of the governing board, or a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee of Drew, regardless of where they reside; then</li><li>2. Students who reside in the City of Atlanta and meet the statutory preference of current enrollment in a Partner Pre-School Program. Partner Pre-School Program includes only the three-year-old classes at the East Lake Early Learning Academy.</li></ol>
Priority B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students who reside in The Villages of East Lake.</li></ol>
Priority C	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Siblings of students currently enrolled at Drew who reside in East Lake or Kirkwood; then</li><li>2. All other students who reside in East Lake or Kirkwood.</li></ol>
Priority D	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Siblings of students currently enrolled at Drew who live in the City of Atlanta; then</li><li>2. All other students who reside in the City of Atlanta.</li></ol>

Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program will admit students in the order above until there are more applicants than spaces for any grade. When this occurs, a lottery will be held for that grade. For the first Priority group for which there are more applicants than spaces (for example, Priority D(2)), admission will be determined through the lottery. The Drew Charter School Board reserves the right to make other changes to its enrollment policies to reflect its mission, its charter, and applicable law.

To further its goal of socioeconomic integration, Drew Charter School will use a weighted lottery that will provide an additional weight for "economically disadvantaged" students, as defined by the Georgia Department of Education. On an annual basis the Drew Charter School Board will determine whether to utilize a weighted lottery, for which grades, and the particular weights, with the goal of increasing the statistical likelihood that Drew Charter School will achieve its goal of serving students from economically disadvantaged families at all grade levels.

In the event that the Drew Charter School Board reasonably anticipates that there will not be sufficient lottery applicants from students whose families are economically disadvantaged to meet its goals of serving a socioeconomically diverse student population, then randomly selected applications from students whose families are economically disadvantaged may be placed in a higher enrollment priority in the lottery in numbers sufficient to make it statistically likely that Drew Charter School will reach its socioeconomic diversity goals.

A student offered admission to the Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program must complete the admission process within the dates specified in the student's offer of admission. As part of this process, the students must provide satisfactory evidence of (1) the student's legal address of residency at the address used on the admissions application in the City of Atlanta (or evidence of the student's parent's current employment at Drew Charter School or current service on the Drew Charter School Board), (2) any East Lake Early Learning Academy enrollment or sibling status that the student claims, and (3) any evidence of economically disadvantaged status the student claims. Upon successful completion of the admissions process, the student shall be enrolled in the Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program at Drew Charter School. Failure to adhere to the requirements above shall result in termination of the offer of admission.

Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program will enroll students from the waitlist as seats become available during the school year in order to ensure enrollment levels are maintained according to the school's charter. Drew Charter School reserves the right to manage the number of offers made from the waitlist in each grade level in order to balance class size and to follow best practices.

### **Kindergarten enrollment for current Cox Pre-Kindergarten students**

To attend Drew Charter School for kindergarten, a student enrolled in the Cox Pre-Kindergarten Program must complete the lottery and admissions process for kindergarten.