

Academy Charter School Sibling Preference Policy

How do I know if a student should receive sibling preference?

Children who have a common parent or common household and are recognized as being in a legal sibling relationship by the state of Alaska by statute or court order, and have a sibling, who is similarly recognized by statute or *court order in the State of Alaska*, who is currently enrolled at the charter school are entitled to a sibling preference during the enrollment process. Evidence of legal documentation must be turned in with sibling lottery form.

Receive Sibling Preference	Do Not Receive Sibling Preference
<p>Receive Sibling Preference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who live in different households but share a common biological or legal parent as described above of a child currently enrolled at ACS. • Siblings of students who will graduate at the end of the school year in which the lottery is held. • A sibling is defined as a biological or legally adopted brother or sister, as well as stepbrothers or stepsisters residing full-time, or at least 30% of the time pursuant to a legally recognized custody order ordering that shared custody, in the same household and share a common biological or legal parent as recognized by the State of Alaska. • Are legally adopted by the parent with a currently enrolled student at ACS. • If the parent with legal authority to enroll the child at issue, or that of the currently enrolled sibling, does not match the name listed as parents on the birth certificate of that child then the parent who seeks to enroll the child must provide a certified copy of the court ordered records that grant them the right and relationship to receive preference. That proof must have both the child and the parent seeking to enroll names in the order provided. Additionally, if it is not clear on its face from documents provided related to child and parent, then documented legal verifiable proof of the same caliber must be provided proving the relationship of the child seeking to enroll to that of the enrolled sibling. 	<p>Do Not Receive Sibling Preference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who live in the same household but do not have the legal relationship or proof required. • Cousins, nieces, nephews, and/or unrelated children sharing the same address with a currently enrolled ACS student, and who do not meet any of the criteria, are not considered siblings.