

PoDS Admission & Lottery Procedure

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Admission

- a. Point of Discovery School is open to all students in grades 7 - 12 of the Stevens Point Area Public School District, as well as to any students applying through the Wisconsin Open Enrollment pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 118.51, 118.52, or 118.53.
- b. Application to Point of Discovery School is voluntary and there is no tuition.
- c. All prospective students wishing to attend Point of Discovery School shall complete the admission application and submit it by April 30 for the following school year. Prospective students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend at least one informational meeting and/or visit the school in order to assure an understanding of the mission, philosophy, and approach of the school.
- d. Siblings of current Point of Discovery School students will receive enrollment preference and will be exempt from the lottery process.
- e. Children of the charter school's founders and governing board members, and current full-time employees will receive enrollment preference and will be exempt from the lottery process.
- f. If enrollment into Point of Discovery School extends into the open enrollment period or if the Charter School intends to accept students who open enroll through alternative open enrollment, enrollment is contingent on approval of each student's open enrollment application by the District. It is agreed that the Charter School will provide information to the District on successful applications for enrollment at The Charter School. The District agrees to approve open enrollment applications to fill open spots available at the Charter School.
- g. Once a student is accepted into Point of Discovery School they will automatically be enrolled from year to year. They do not have to go through the lottery process each year.
- h. A student who withdraws and later wishes to enroll again will need to reapply and will have no priority over students applying for the first time.

Lottery

- a. If a lottery is necessary, all families will be notified. The lottery will be announced and be open to the public.
- b. The lottery will be held on the second Thursday of May each year.
- c. The lottery will be recorded and kept on file for one calendar year.
- d. Each application will have a numbered ticket attached to it; a duplicate ticket will be placed in a drum or similar container. Applicants of the same family will receive just one numbered ticket. A member of the Point of Discovery School Governance Crew will draw numbers from the drum, or similar container, and the names of the students will be written down in the order they are drawn until the maximum is reached. Numbers will then be drawn to form a waiting list.
- e. The names of students on the waiting list will be recorded in the order in which they were drawn. The waiting list will dissolve at the end of September each year.
- f. Students will be notified of their acceptance into Point of Discovery School within 48 hours of the lottery.
- g. From the time of notification, families of students will have two weeks to confirm their enrollment or the Governance Crew may begin accepting students from the top of the waiting list.