

3120	Enrollment Priority Policy
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### **Enrollment Priority Policy**

The admission policy of the Pine Lake Preparatory (PLP) School is set forth in accordance with North Carolina Charter School Legislation. In accordance with NCGS115C-238.29F(g) the PLP School does not discriminate against admission of any student on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, athletic ability, creed, religion or ancestry. Any child who is qualified under North Carolina law for admission to a public school is qualified for admission to the PLP School. As the decision to enter a charter school in North Carolina is a choice, those interested in the PLP School program are responsible for obtaining, completing and submitting lottery application forms by the date set forth by the PLP School Board of Directors.

PLP will give enrollment priority to children or grandchildren of PLP full-time employees and Board Members.

If a student was enrolled at PLP within the past two years but left for academic study abroad, competitive admission residential program or due to vocational opportunities of the parents, PLP administrators may elect to give enrollment priority to the student upon request of the parent. Such determination will be on a case-by-case basis, and PLP administrators may consider any factors they consider relevant in making such determination. This priority status is referred to as an “Opportunity Preference.”

PLP will give enrollment priority to siblings of currently enrolled students who were admitted to PLP in a previous year.

As used herein, the term “siblings” includes the following that reside in the same household: biological siblings, half siblings, stepsiblings, and children residing in a family foster home. The obtainment of legal guardianship would also constitute a “sibling.”

PLP will give enrollment priority to siblings of students who completed 12th grade at PLP and who were enrolled in at least four grade levels at PLP. These priority status students are referred to as a “Legacy Students.”

Among students with enrollment priority, PLP will grant priority in the following order:

1. Children or grandchildren of PLP full-time employees and School Board Members
2. Opportunity Preference Students
3. Siblings of currently enrolled students who were admitted to PLP in a previous year

4. Legacy students
5. All others not included in the previous 4 categories will be placed together in the general lottery.

After students are admitted or placed on the wait list (as applicable) based on the above order of priority, students will be admitted or placed on the waitlist (as applicable) in the lottery selection order.

Multiple birth siblings (twins, triplets, etc.) will be pulled in sequential order. For example when twins apply, if one is pulled as wait list number 43, the other twin will be automatically numbered wait list number 44. Then the random ordering of the other names will continue. An application needs to be completed for each multiple birth child.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, PLP may refuse admission to any student who has been expelled or suspended from a public school under G.S. 115C-390.5 through G.S. 115C-390.11 until the period of suspension or expulsion has expired.