

LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND LOTTERY PROCEDURES

The Learning Community Charter School (“LCCS”) is chartered to serve Pre-K 4 through 8th grade. Pre-K 4 has three classes of 15 students each, K – 8th has three classes of 22 students each. **The school is open to families living in Jersey City.**

Applications for the 2019-2020 School Year

Enrollment applications will be available on October 1, 2018 online at www.lccsnj.org and must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM on Friday January 11, 2019. **No exceptions.** Applications received later will not be included in the lottery but will be placed at the end of the waiting list generated during the lottery on January 30, 2019.

When applications are received, you will receive a confirmation email stating your application number. ***Please keep for your records.***

Each application is numbered. The number on the application is assigned to **your child**. As completed applications are submitted, a list of all applicants for each grade with their assigned number is generated. The number is then placed onto a note card, which is put into the lottery drawing. Every single application is drawn in the lottery.

Lottery

The 2019-20 lottery will be held on Thursday, January 30th, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Learning Community Charter School cafeteria. The drawings are organized by grade starting with Pre-K 4 and are monitored by an independent third party. The lottery is open to the public.

The Lottery determines who gets admitted for the spaces available, and, if not admitted in what order the placement will be on the waiting list. After the lottery, results are available on the website within 5 business days listed by application number only. Acceptance letters will be sent out to **accepted applicants only**. As openings occur (mainly in the late summer, but throughout the school year), applicants from the waiting list will be called. Siblings of currently enrolled students receive priority, followed by non-sibling applicants in accordance with their position on the waiting list (See “Siblings” below). When messages have been left at all contact numbers and email has been sent to the email listed on the application, the applicant has 48 hours to accept or decline the spot. If there is no response or if they decline, they will lose their place on the list and the next child will be asked. After applicant has responded to acceptance offer he/she will have 48 hours to submit required documentation. **It is the responsibility of the applicant’s parent or guardian to make sure that all contact information on the application is current and the school is notified if contact information changes. Call (201) 332-0900 ext. 26 or email Uboijort@lccsnj.org. If an applicant family does not wish to send their child to Learning Community, we ask that you let the school know as soon as possible so their name can be withdrawn from the lottery and/or waiting list.**

The waiting list will be used only for the school year drawn; an applicant who is on the list and not accepted must re-apply and re-enter the lottery for the following school year.

School Tours

LCCS also conducts Open Houses for the public; generally one Saturday in November and December and one weekday evening and one weekday morning. **Please note that if you elect not to come to the open houses we will not conduct private school tours later in the year.**

Siblings

*Siblings of currently enrolled students **do** receive enrollment preference. This is in accordance with the school’s charter and New Jersey Department of Education regulations. In the event the number of siblings of currently enrolled students exceeds the number of spots available, a separate sibling lottery will be held. **Siblings must submit applications** and they must be submitted by the due date. If space is available, siblings of currently enrolled students are automatically admitted to the school. **If space is not available, siblings are automatically placed at the top of the waiting list. Please note that the number of siblings on any grades waiting list may increase in the months after the lottery if spaces open and the accepted student has siblings.***

In the case where two or more siblings (**with no siblings enrolled in the school**) are applying for admission, and one sibling is admitted, the other sibling will be moved to the top of the appropriate grade wait list. Siblings of attending students currently on the 2018-2019 waiting list have admission preference over siblings of students that have been accepted for school year 2019-2020 but have not yet been enrolled. If for some reason a sibling is not accepted during the school year 2019-2020, a new application must be submitted every year until sibling gets accepted and enrolled.

Frequently asked questions:

My number was drawn at the lottery, and my child has been accepted into LCCS. What are the next steps?
You will be sent an acceptance letter and instructions on the paperwork that needs to be completed.

What if my child does not get admitted, and we are on the waiting list? If I really want my child to get in, should I call to check my status?
You will remain on a waiting list while spots are offered to the people admitted. Keep in mind that families frequently apply to more than one school, and they may not take the spot that is offered to them. If your child is on the waiting list, it does not mean that you will not be offered a spot at some point in the future. When there is a spot available, the next family on the waiting list will be contacted via phone and email. The school will contact families according to their child’s order on the waiting list. Therefore, **there is no need to call the school** to check on your status or to articulate your desire for your child to attend our school. If you do call the school to ask about your status on the list, you will be told to check the results on the website, www.lccsnj.org.

Is there an interview process? Is there a tuition fee?

There is no interview process for admissions. Admission is 100% lottery based. LCCS is public school, we do not charge tuition.

If someone is not at the lottery, how and when will they find out whether they were admitted or placed on a waitlist?

After the lottery, the results will be posted on the website, sorted numerically by the application number, (www.lccsnj.org, click on the admissions link located on the top). Letters will be sent out to **accepted applicants only**. Lottery results will not be given over the phone. Families who are on the waiting list will only be contacted if a space becomes available.

What happens to applications received after the deadline?

Applications received after the January lottery will get placed at the end of the waiting list that already exists. A second lottery will not take place.

If I don't get in this year, do I need to re-apply for next year?

Yes. The New Jersey State Department of Education requires charter schools to eliminate all waiting lists and to conduct a lottery with new applications each year.

What if I have questions not answered here?

Check the website at www.lccsnj.org or call the school at 201-332-0900, ext. 26, and ask to speak to the Student Records Coordinator.