



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Q. How does the lottery process work?**

Lake Norman Charter utilizes a twofold process to conduct the lottery.

Parents/guardians will complete and submit a lottery application form accessible from our website beginning November 1 -January 31 of each year.

Once you submit your application, you will receive an application number which you will use to check your status after the lottery drawing.

At the time of the lottery, the data collected from all submissions will be used to run the computerized lottery system.

## **Q. How will I know if my child was accepted?**

We will email a link to all applicants to view the lottery live the day before the lottery drawing. We will announce the accepted students only. These parents and the first few on each grade level waitlist will receive a letter with instructions to attend the registration night. It is very important to attend this event and bring all requested paperwork.

If you are not able to view the livestream, the day after the lottery, we will make the link available on our website to check your child's status by entering your application number when prompted.

## **Q. What if I can't find my application number?**

Check your emails (including your junk or spam file). If you still are unable to locate it please email [lottery@lncharter.org](mailto:lottery@lncharter.org), include your child's name, grade applied, and date of birth and we will resend the confirmation email to you.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application was not received. There may have been required information not submitted; please correct and submit.

## **Q. How do I know if my application was received?**

If you received a confirmation email, you can be assured that your application has been received and you will be entered into the lottery. Do not submit another, this will cause duplicates. If in doubt, email [lottery@lncharter.org](mailto:lottery@lncharter.org) with your child's name, grade applied and date of birth. We will respond to you by email.

## **Q. What if I realized I entered the wrong grade, what should I do?**

Email [lottery@lncharter.org](mailto:lottery@lncharter.org) with your child's name, grade applied, corrected grade (remember you are applying for next year's grade) and date of birth. Your application will be corrected and another confirmation email will be sent to you.

**Do not submit another application.**

**Q. My kindergarten child will not be five by the 8/31 deadline. If I have him/her tested, can he/she still apply?**

We do not accept students who are not 5 years old by the deadline. Your child must be at least 5 by 8/31 to apply. If an application is entered that does not qualify, you will be contacted and your student's name will be removed from the lottery.

**Q. If my child was on the waitlist, once the lottery is drawn, how will I know the progress?**

We update the waitlist each day until the 20th day of school. You will be able to check results using your application number from the "Check Results" link on our website as often as you like. Typically, there is not much movement until June but the site is updated on a daily basis as spots become available.

**Q. What if my student is still on the waitlist by the 20th day of school, will I have to reapply?**

Yes, if you are not accepted by day 20 you will need to re-apply to the next year's lottery if you still want to be considered for the next year.

**Q. I had one of my children accepted, does that mean that all of my children will be accepted this year?**

No, this year they will remain on the waitlist. You will need to apply to the next lottery. As long as your original child is still enrolled, the other sibling(s) will be entered and you will check the sibling box which means that they will be considered before new families, however, a spot must be available in their grade for them to be accepted.

**Q. I am applying for twins, if one is accepted will the other twin also be accepted?**

Yes, you need to enter a separate application for each child and select multiples on each application. They will each receive an application number but will be drawn next to each other and offered together.

*Please note : Multiple Birth Sibling Rule: If multiple birth siblings apply for admission to a charter school (twins or triplets etc.) and a lottery is needed under G.S. 115C-238.29F(g)(6), the charter school shall enter one surname into the lottery to represent all of the multiple birth siblings. If that surname of the multiple birth siblings is selected, then all of the multiple birth siblings shall be admitted.*

**Q. I currently live out of state but will be moving to North Carolina in the summer, can I still apply?**

No, you and your child must be a resident of North Carolina at the time of the lottery (February 16), to be eligible to apply.

*Please note: Proof of Residency: The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Division of Charter Schools, mandates that applications from out of state residents/children are not eligible for admission unless proof of residency can be provided prior to the date of the lottery.*