

## LOTTERY POLICY

### **Time Period for Lottery**

Lake Norman Charter will begin accepting applications no later than the second Friday in November of each school year. The application period for the lottery will end on January 31. Subsequently, the lottery will be held no later than the third week in February and will be publicized on the school's website and in the local news media. Any applications submitted prior to the official start date of the application period are not valid and will not be placed in the lottery. Any application received after January 31 will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist of the grade you applied to, in the order in which it is received.

### **Application**

If any information on a lottery application is falsified, even if the false information is found during the school year after the student has started classes at LNC, the applicant's name will be taken out of the LNC lottery, or removed from the waitlist, or the student will be denied acceptance and will not be permitted to attend LNC at the time the information is found to be inaccurate. This applies to information such as a student's current grade level and date of birth.

If a student applies for a grade level on his/her application but it is found that they no longer qualify for that grade at the time that they are offered a spot (i.e. they are retained by their current school, they are promoted by their current school, etc.), they will be removed from the waitlist of that grade level and put at the bottom of the waitlist of the correct grade level.

### **Sibling Preference**

A sibling is defined as any of the following who reside in the same household: half-siblings, step-siblings, and children residing in a family foster home. If a family has legal guardianship of a child, for the purposes of the lottery they will also be considered a sibling if another member of the family already attends LNC. Legacy sibling preference will be given to students whose sibling has graduated from Lake Norman Charter and attended at least four years at LNC prior.

At the time of enrollment, families must provide documentation to prove their sibling status (i.e. marriage certificate, birth certificate, etc.).

**Acceptance**

A student's family will be contacted when an open spot becomes available for a grade level. At the time that they are contacted, the family will have five business days to commit to the opening and an additional five business days to complete and return the paperwork. Failure to respond or complete required paperwork within the allotted timeframe will result in the applicant being moved to the bottom of the waitlist. This timeframe can be extended by LNC if there are extenuating circumstances such as being out of town at the time of contact, death of a family member, etc.

**Enrollment**

Lake Norman Charter will enroll students from their waitlists when there is availability through the 20<sup>th</sup> day of school. After the enrollment window is closed, all waitlists are void. Students who are not selected to attend LNC through the lottery process must reapply if they are interested in enrollment for the following school year.

If a student has been enrolled in the last two years, but left LNC to attend a competitive admission residential program or academic study abroad, they may be placed if there is availability within that grade.