

ADMISSIONS POLICY Rev 4

River Mill Academy is a tuition free public school. Any child who is qualified under the laws of North Carolina for admission to a public school is qualified for admission to a charter school. To qualify to attend a North Carolina public school, a student must be a resident of North Carolina. County boundaries or school attendance areas do not affect charter school enrollment. River Mill Academy does not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, disability, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion, or ancestry. The school may give enrollment priority to siblings of currently enrolled students who were admitted to the school in a previous year and to the children of River Mill Academy staff. General Statute 115C-218.45 restricts the portion of priority enrollment given to children of staff and board members to no more than 15% of the total student body.

During each period of enrollment, River Mill Academy will accept applications for new students. Once enrolled, students are not required to enroll in subsequent enrollment periods. *Open space is determined by the number of current students planning to return.* In order to properly plan, the school may routinely inquire with parents in early spring through letters of intent to ascertain if students will return to River Mill Academy the following year. Applications for new students are available in the school office.

The enrollment application will begin the first school day of January and will last at least thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. The school shall enroll an eligible student who submits an application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building. If the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces, a lottery will be held to fill vacant seats for the next school year. After seats are filled, the drawing will continue to determine the order of a waiting list. Any application for enrollment received after the deadline is not entered in the lottery but is added to the end of the grade level waiting list. Current year waiting lists dissolve when the next enrollment period begins.

Lottery procedures will comply with the NC Open Meeting Laws provided in G.S. 143-218.10(a) by publicizing the date and location of the meeting as well as allowing anyone to attend.

Lottery procedure:

The selection process will be by random drawing. Upon filling all available positions, the acceptance by lottery will continue, thereby, creating a school waiting list. Children of personnel of River Mill Academy will be drawn separately and first; followed by siblings of students enrolled in a previous year. The general wait list for each grade level will then be randomly drawn, starting with the lowest grade level in the school. The lottery process will then proceed for each grade. As openings become available at the applicable grade level, students will be admitted based on their current lottery number. If applicants who are selected for admission decide NOT to enroll at River Mill Academy, the parents of the next child on the wait list for that grade will be notified.

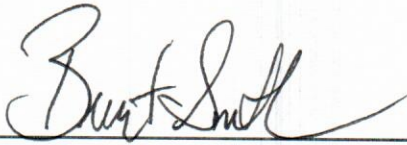
No earlier than ten (10) days after completing the lottery, River Mill Academy shall make a reasonable effort to contact all non-confirmed, accepted applicants to clarify their decision to accept or decline continuation of the enrollment process.

If multiple birth siblings apply for admission to a charter school and a lottery is needed under G.S. 11 5C-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.

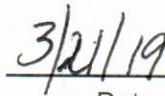
Questions should be referred to the Administrative Office, 336-229-0909.

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Approved by the River Mill Academy Board of Directors



Board Chairperson



Date