Enrollment and Lottery Policy

Purpose and Philosophy

Good Foundations Academy (GFA) will offer enrollment publicly to kindergarten through sixth grade students with an effort to invite all families to carefully review the GFA Charter and handbook and enroll their children if the parents value the school's philosophy and educational offering. GFA recognizes the value of inclusiveness, or providing access to a broad cross-section of the community, so that students from all backgrounds can benefit from the school's educational offering.

Policy

In accordance with the Utah State Law, GFA will order, by random ("lottery") selection, all applicants for enrollment in a given grade. Once an applicant has been placed on the wait list by lottery, that applicant will retain the spot on the list until the applicant's parent or legal guardian either refuses an offered opening (whether directly, or by default should they fail to respond to an offer), or elects to remove the child's name from the list.

Enrollment priority will be given to the following students up to 7.5% of the total student enrollment:

1. A child or grandchild of an individual who has actively participated in the founding of the school
2. A child or grandchild of a member of the board of directors
3. A sibling of an individual who is presently enrolled in the school
4. A child of an employee of the school
5. A child of a military service member as defined in Utah Code Section 53B-8-102

Children who are given priority will be placed on the priority wait list based on the order in which applications are received. For purposes of priority enrollment at Good Foundations Academy (GFA), the GFA Board of Directors defines "siblings" as dependents of the same parent(s) or legal guardian(s). This may include sisters and brothers, half-sisters and half-brothers, step sisters and step brothers, adopted children and foster children. GFA reserves the right to require documentation of legal guardianship.

All lotteries are conducted by random computerized lottery.

Procedures

Parents of potential new students must complete the enrollment application; at which time the child's name is added to the appropriate grade-level enrollment pool. Potential students may be added to the enrollment pool at any time during the enrollment period, which begins in the month of January for the following school year.

The first lottery for the following year shall be held in January.

The Lottery will use the following selection process:

1. Insert students on the priority list.
2. Fill 6th grade openings, then place their siblings in respective grades' priority lists.
3. Fill 5th grade openings, then place their siblings in respective grades' priority lists.
4. Fill 4th grade openings, and so on, through each grade down to Kindergarten.

The office staff will fulfill steps 2-4 as needed. Following the February lottery, the office staff will offer open slots to applicants in writing within ten days or otherwise notify them of their position on the waitlist. Parents have until the date listed on the written notification to accept enrollment for their student. Failure to respond in writing by the deadline will result in removal from the enrollment process.

Students are not officially enrolled until all paperwork is complete and turned in to the front office, including a current Emergency Contact form.

Applications received following the February lottery will be added to the wait list in the order that they are received.

When a vacancy occurs during the school year, that vacancy may or may not be filled at the school's discretion. If GFA chooses to fill the vacancies, the spaces will be filled from the waitlist with priority students first.

Compliance

Our enrollment process at Good Foundations Academy will not make any distinction on account of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, or ancestry of any student who seeks admission.

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