

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Does it matter which order I list schools on my application?

Yes, the order matters. We recommend listing schools in your true order of preference, with your favorite school as #1. When you share your genuine preferences, you give your child the best opportunity to attend the right school for your family.

2. Is there a limit to how many schools I can rank?

No, you can rank as many schools that offer your child's grade as you want. We encourage families to include all schools they would consider having their child attend.

3. Is there a penalty for ranking many schools?

No, there is absolutely no penalty for ranking multiple schools. Ranking more schools increases your chances of receiving an offer.

4. How does the lottery work?

When families submit applications for their child, the child is assigned a random number. A computer-based lottery program will select applicants based on their assigned numbers until all available seats are filled. All remaining applicants are placed on a waitlist. Charter schools can give preference to the following students in the application process:

- Returning students (guaranteed a seat)
- Siblings of currently enrolled students
- Students residing in the school district of location
- Children of school employees (up to 15% of total enrollment)
- Traditionally underserved populations, including:
 - Students at risk of academic failure
 - English language learners/multilingual students
 - Students with disabilities
 - Economically disadvantaged students
 - Students from recently closed charter schools

When a charter school conducts a lottery with enrollment preferences, students from the pool of applications with enrollment preferences are selected first. Once every student with an enrollment preference is assigned a seat, remaining seats will be assigned randomly to student applications with no enrollment preferences until there are no remaining seats.

5. When will I receive an offer?

For the 2025-26 school year, the lottery will be held at 12 pm on Tuesday April 8, 2025. During the lottery, you can preview your results by application ID. Offers will be made available in the Avela application platform by 3 pm the same day.