

Admission Procedures

I. Admission Procedures

ACVS will be open to all students, on a space available basis within each grade level as established by the Board. The school will not discriminate based on race, creed, color, gender, national origin, or ancestry. Special needs of students will not be a factor in admission decisions. The school will not charge tuition for students residing in the state of Idaho, levy taxes, or issue bonds. The Board may choose to charge student fees as allowed by state law.

In year one a total student cap will be as follows:

There will be a cap of no more than 20 Kindergarten students.

There will be a cap of no more than 170 students in grades 1 through 8.

There will be a cap of no more than 30 students in grades 9 through 12.

In year two a total student cap will be as follows:

There will be a cap of no more than 20 Kindergarten students.

There will be a cap of no more than 200 students in grades 1 through 8.

There will be a cap of no more than 80 students in grades 9 through 12.

A. Enrollment Deadline

ACVS has established an enrollment deadline of the first Friday of every April by which date all requests for admission to attend ACVS for the next school year must be received. Late applications will be accepted for admission for slots remaining open and/or in addition to waiting lists at any time. Enrollment deadline dates will be advertised each year. The board through the appropriate channels may determine a change in the enrollment deadline. However, that date would need to be advertised as appropriate.

B. Requests for Admission

A parent, guardian, or other person with legal authority to make decisions regarding school attendance on behalf of a student in Idaho, may make a request in writing for such

student to attend ACVS. A single request for admission must be submitted on behalf of all siblings. The request for admission must be submitted to, and received by, ACVS on or before the enrollment deadline. The request for admission will contain the name(s) and grade(s) of student(s) seeking enrollment, address, and telephone number of each prospective family.

C. Admissions Preference

If initial capacity is insufficient to enroll all pupils who submit a timely application, then the admission procedures may provide that preference shall be given in the following order: first, to children of founders, provided that this admission preference shall be limited to not more than ten percent (10%) of the capacity of the public charter school; second, to siblings of pupils already selected by the lottery or other random method; and third, an equitable selection process such as by lottery or other random method.

1. Founders

Founders will be defined as those persons:

- a. involved in the initial writing of the petition for the Charter of ACVS, by:
 - i. researching start-up facilities sites
 - ii. budget planning
 - iii. writing pre-operation policies and definitions
- b. Those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development and pre-operation establishment of ACVS as defined by the Board.

D. Priority of Preferences for Initial Enrollment

1. Selection Hierarchy

Admission preferences for initial enrollment of students for ACVS will have the selection hierarchy as described in Section 33-5205 of the Idaho Code and IDAPA 08.02.04.203.

2. Attendance Areas

The primary attendance area for ACVS will be statewide. During the first year of operation the primary attendance area will be Educational Region 3 which includes the Treasure Valley.

3. Re-enrollment

Once enrolled, students will not be required to reapply each year thereafter. Hence, once admitted, a student will not be removed because another student seeks admission.

E. Priority Preferences for Subsequent Enrollment Periods

If capacity is insufficient to enroll all pupils for subsequent school terms, who submit a timely application, then the admission procedures may provide that preference shall be given in the following order: first, to pupils returning to the public charter school in the second or any subsequent year of its operation; second, to children of founders, provided that this admission preference shall be limited to not more than ten percent (10%) of the capacity of the public charter school; third, to siblings of pupils already enrolled in the public charter school; and fourth, an equitable selection process such as by lottery or other random method.

F. Proposed Attendance List

There shall be no carryover from year to year of the list maintained to fill vacancies. A new lottery shall be conducted each year to fill vacancies which become available.

G. Provision for Over Enrollment: Equitable Selection Process

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H. Final Selection List

The names of the persons in highest order on the final selection list will have the highest priority for admission to ACVS in that grade, and will be offered admission to ACVS in such grade until all seats for that grade are filled.

1. Notification and Acceptance Process

- a. Within seven days after conducting the selection process, ACVS will send an offer letter to the parent, who submitted an admission request on behalf of the student, advising the person that the student has been selected for admission to ACVS. The offer letter must be signed by the student's parent, and returned to ACVS no later than 15 calendar days from the date of the acceptance letter.
- b. Within seven days after conducting the selection process, ACVS will send a letter to the parent, or other person who has submitted an admission request on behalf of the student, advising them that the prospective student is not eligible for admission, but will be placed on a waiting list and may be eligible for admission at a later date during that school year if a seat becomes available.
- c. If a parent receives an offer letter on behalf of a student and declines admission, or fails to sign and return the offer within 15 calendar days of the acceptance letter, then the name of that student will be stricken from the final selection list, and that seat will be made available to the next eligible student on the selection list.
- d. If a student withdraws from ACVS during the school year for any reason, then the seat that opens in that grade will be made available to the next eligible student on the selection list.

2. Subsequent School Years

The final selection list for a given school year will not roll over to the next subsequent school year.

I. Amendments

ACVS has the right to amend these admission procedures as needed with the approval of the Authorizing Chartering Entity. Any changes will conform to the laws of the State of Idaho and applicable rule of the Idaho State Board of Education.

II. Disciplinary Procedures

A. Due Process