



PPCS Charter School Lottery Outline

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Lottery Objective

This policy will set forth the procedures to fill open seats within the Pembroke Pines Charter School system (PPCS) at each grade level with a qualified applicant from a lottery pool. The majority of the slots filled by the lottery pool primarily fill enrollment of new kindergarten students each year. However, the lottery also serves to fill vacancies in all grade levels that result from students exiting the charter school system or school enrollment expansions within the PPCS. Openings may also be filled based upon specific enrollment preferences as outlined below.

Lottery Pools – there are three (3) separate pools compiled to fulfill vacancies for each of the following:

1. Pines charter school- sponsored by Broward County Schools (BCS) uses the Basic Lottery Preferences only.
2. Pines charter school – sponsored by Florida State University (FSU) uses the Basic Lottery Preferences along with the ethnicity, race, and socioeconomic lottery preferences required by the FSU charter.
3. Pines -FSU Center for Children with Autism uses the basic lottery preferences along with the ethnicity, race and socioeconomic lottery preferences required by the FSU charter.

Applicants enter the lottery system in only a few ways:

1. New student lottery applications that are received by the published deadline during the established enrollment period.
2. Children of persons who are on full-time, active military duty pursuant to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, §§1000.36 and 1003.05, Florida Statutes, and children of school staff may enter the lottery at any time outside of the established enrollment period and may also be enrolled throughout the school year so long as there is adequate capacity.
3. Reinsertion to the lottery due to a multi-level grade advancement, retention, or reassignment request. Reinsertion requires an enrollment application be submitted and the approval of the principal of the charter school campus to which the student is to be transferred/enrolled within the PPCS.

Notes on Siblings

1. A qualified sibling relationship means the child is a sibling through parentage, adoption, marriage, legal guardianship, or are children of persons who qualify as domestic partners according to the Pembroke Pines Domestic Partnership Act, §34.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pembroke Pines. Other familial relationships such as cousins, nieces, or nephews, or of greater lineal descent do not count as siblings for enrollment preference even though they may reside in the same household unless they meet one of the prior requirements.
2. Copies of a marriage certificate, proof of legal guardianship, or other appropriate legal documents are required to establish the sibling relationship.
3. If the current enrolled sibling graduates, the applicant retains the sibling category preference for future lotteries as long as the enrollment application is re-submitted every year following the graduation of the older sibling or sibling in a higher grade. Once the younger sibling or sibling in a lower grade leaves the PPCS for any reason, they will lose preference on this basis if they are to apply for re-enrollment at a later date.
4. If the current enrolled sibling is withdrawn after the lottery closing date, the applicant will remain in the sibling preference category for the current year but not for future years.

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5. Sibling preference will not be afforded if the new application is submitted after the qualifying sibling's graduation or departure from the Pembroke Pines Charter School system for any reason.
6. Same grade siblings (e.g., twins, triplets, quadruplets, or sibling attending the same grade level for any reason) will be assigned to consecutive wait list numbers (if they enter the lottery at the same time) but will only be placed together if space is available. The applications will have a check box to indicate parent's preference of **same class, different classroom, or no preference**.

Basic Lottery Preferences

1. Applicants will be assigned priority within the applicant's highest qualifying category, then by year of application or reinsertion.
2. Preference Categories in order of priority applied:
 - a. Current PPCS students with multi-level advancement or retention.
 - b. Children of PPCS staff members who are not yet enrolled in PPCS or are otherwise new applicants to PPCS.

NOTE: If a PPCS staff member leaves employment with PPCS for any reason before completing one (1) full calendar year of employment from their anniversary date or does not return for the start of their second school year within that calendar year, then their child will be withdrawn from the PPCS at the end of the semester.
 - c. Reassignments between schools. Applies to current PPCS students at the time of reassignment only and only with approval by the principal at the campus to which the student is being reassigned. Reassignments will not usually be permitted to occur during the active school year as it may be disruptive to the educational process for the reassigned student as well as the classroom as a whole.
 - d. Full time, active military duty – will only apply for new applicants
 - e. Siblings - will only apply for new applicants.
 - i. Of Pembroke Pines residents of currently enrolled students.
 - ii. Of non-Pembroke Pines residents of currently enrolled students.
 - f. Pembroke Pines residents with no siblings currently enrolled in PPCS.
 - g. All other applicants.
3. Applicants cannot switch between categories after the lottery runs unless approved by the applicable principal(s). If approved, then the applicant will be moved to the end of their new category-grade-lottery pool. Examples of instances when this may be permitted:
 - a. An applicant applied to the wrong grade.
 - b. An applicant is the child of a newly hired staff member.
 - c. An applicant is the child of newly activated, full time military personnel.
4. All PPCS campuses are part of a single lottery pool except the FSU campus and the FSU Center for Children with Autism which have their own lottery pools due to different charter requirements.
 - a. Applicants will be placed in both Pines-BCS and Pines-FSU lottery pools if all required fields were completed.
 - b. FSU Center for Children with Autism program applicants are only eligible for the FSU Center for Children with Autism lottery pool.
 - c. A wait list applicant can only accept one opening at a time. In other words, the same student may not accept two separate openings at different PPCS campuses regardless of whether the lottery pools or campuses differ.

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- d. An applicant may decline acceptance to a particular campus. They will immediately become eligible again for the next opening as long as it is not at the same campus for the same grade that has already been declined. They will remain on the waitlist for any other campus choice as long as the remaining campus(es) that was or were declined is a choice weighted above the one declined. In other words, applicants are required to list their choice of campus in order of preference. If an applicant has 3 campus choices listed on their application and declines choice #2, choice #3 will also be considered declined since that is listed below their 2nd choice. Their first choice is weighted higher than their second choice; second choice is weighted higher than third choice, and so on.
- e. If a parent does not respond to an offered seat within the specified time frame then their lottery application will be automatically declined by the PPCS lottery software.

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Pines-FSU Gender, Ethnicity, Race, and Socioeconomic Lottery Preferences

1. As required by the FSU charter, the aim is to maintain **gender balance of 50/50** along with **ethnic and race** percentages in line with those of Broward County as outlined in the [Broward County Public Schools District Profile-Student Enrollment Counts as follows](#):
 - a. **Ethnicity:** Hispanic, Non-Hispanic.
 - b. **Race:** White, Black, Asian, Native American or Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Multiracial.
2. In accordance with its charter requirements, FSU attempts to balance the socioeconomic status (SES) of the school to maintain an equal balance of student population in each of the four SES categories. The first two categories are based on the [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\) - Income Eligibility Guidelines](#).
 - a. Category 1: student qualifies for free lunch
 - b. Category 2: student qualifies for a reduced lunch
 - c. Category 3: household income is below the [FICA base limit \(\\$142,800 for 2021\)](#) and the student does not qualify for free or reduced lunch.
 - d. Category 4: household income is at least the FICA base limit ([\\$142,801 for 2021](#)) and the student does not qualify for free or reduced lunch.

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Reassignment Request and Appeals

Three Reassignment tiers that can be made. Applicants who are Requesting Reassignment may appeal at any of the following decision levels:

1. Principal at Current School

The Applicant's request initially is made straight to the Principal at the student's current school.

- a) The Principal may approve the request; it will then automatically go to the Reassignment Committee for final approval.
- b) The Principal may deny the request and may state the reason for denial.

2. Reassignment Committee

The Reassignment Committee gives final Reassignment approvals and handles initial appeals.

3. City Manager

A request denied by the Reassignment Committee may be appealed to the City Manager.

Feeder Patterns

- PPCS Elementary schools are located at the East, Central, West, and FSU campuses.
- Graduates from the PPCS East and Central elementary schools attend the Central campus middle school.
- Graduates from the PPCS West and FSU elementary schools attend the West campus middle school.
- The middle school grades at the Academic Village has no defined feeder school.
- All middle school graduates attend high school at the Academic Village high school.

Lottery and Enrollment Timeline

(The official dates will include the effective school year and be posted online.)

1. Acceptance of applications for re-enrollment, lottery applications, and reassignment are accepted for the advertised time period.
2. Lottery is conducted on the date advertised.
3. Notification is sent to the parent dashboard for the applicant.
4. The applicant is notified of the time period in which they may accept or decline the seat offer for which they were selected by the lottery.
5. During the specified Enrollment period, the applicant is required to provide the PPCS with the necessary paperwork for registration.

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Broward County Schools Diversity Breakdown - 2021

Race	Population ▼	Percentage
White	698,805	36.28%
Black or African American	530,990	27.57%
Asian	67,677	3.51%
Two or More Races	39,608	2.06%
Some Other Race	10,590	0.55%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,304	0.17%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	942	0.05%

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FLORIDA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS Effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

FREE MEAL SCALE					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	16,744	1,396	698	644	322
2	22,646	1,888	944	871	436
3	28,548	2,379	1,190	1,098	549
4	34,450	2,871	1,436	1,325	663
5	40,352	3,363	1,682	1,552	776
6	46,254	3,855	1,928	1,779	890
7	52,156	4,347	2,174	2,006	1,003
8	58,058	4,839	2,420	2,233	1,117
For each additional family member, add	+ 5,902	+ 492	+ 246	+ 227	+ 114

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
For each additional family member, add	+ 8,399	+ 700	+ 350	+ 324	+ 162

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Topic No. 751 Social Security and Medicare Withholding Rates

Taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) are composed of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes, also known as social security taxes, and the hospital insurance tax, also known as Medicare taxes. Different rates apply for these taxes.

Social Security and Medicare Withholding Rates

The current tax rate for social security is 6.2% for the employer and 6.2% for the employee, or 12.4% total. The current rate for Medicare is 1.45% for the employer and 1.45% for the employee, or 2.9% total. Refer to Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide for more information; or Publication 51, (Circular A), Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide for agricultural employers. Refer to Notice 2020-65 [PDF](#) and Notice 2021-11 [PDF](#) for information allowing employers to defer withholding and payment of the employee's share of Social Security taxes of certain employees.

Additional Medicare Tax Withholding Rate

Additional Medicare Tax applies to an individual's Medicare wages that exceed a threshold amount based on the taxpayer's filing status. Employers are responsible for withholding the 0.9% Additional Medicare Tax on an individual's wages paid in excess of \$200,000 in a calendar year, without regard to filing status. An employer is required to begin withholding Additional Medicare Tax in the pay period in which it pays wages in excess of \$200,000 to an employee and continue to withhold it each pay period until the end of the calendar year. There's no employer match for Additional Medicare Tax. For more information, see the Instructions for Form 8959 and Questions and Answers for the Additional Medicare Tax.

Wage Base Limits

Only the social security tax has a wage base limit. The wage base limit is the maximum wage that's subject to the tax for that year. For earnings in 2021, this base is \$142,800. Refer to "What's New" in Publication 15 for the current wage limit for social security wages; or Publication 51 for agricultural employers.

There's no wage base limit for Medicare tax. All covered wages are subject to Medicare tax.