

WESTWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL Lottery 2010-2011

Westwood Charter School is a neighborhood school. In the event that we have space in a grade level, we will select students from a random public lottery.

June 7, 2010 9:30 a.m. We will hold a public random drawing to establish a ranked list for openings in the fall. We will not know until September if we will be enrolling any lottery students in any grades. Please make alternate plans.

To be considered for the drawing on June 7, you must complete a lottery card in the main office **NO LATER** than Thursday, June 3.

Admission Policy, WCS Charter Proposal, 2008:

Order of Admission into Westwood Charter School for New Enrollment:

1. All resident children. (Our residence boundaries are: Sepulveda Boulevard (east side) on the west, Pico Boulevard (north side) on the south, Santa Monica Boulevard (south side) on the north and Century Park East on the east.)

Then, if there are available spaces in any specific grade level, in this order:

2. Children of current staff members in order to retain highly qualified staff.
3. Low SES students based upon free/reduced lunch application will receive weighted preference.
4. Siblings of current pupils.
5. Unaffiliated, non-resident children.

In order to reserve places for our resident children, as agreed upon with the LAUSD Charter Division, Office of Demographics and Local District 3, Westwood will hold some available seats, at the beginning of the school year, for students who reside within their attendance area. School Management Services will calculate the operating capacity for Westwood. The operating capacity should be recalculated annually. The number of seats to be held will be determined in collaboration with the District.

We will hold a public random drawing during the month of June to establish a ranked list for openings in the fall.

At the time of application for the lottery, the rules will be communicated in written form to all families applying. Lottery procedures will be monitored by a parent and teacher representative of the School Based Management Council to ensure they are fairly executed. Westwood accepts continuous applications throughout the year for the lottery. Students who apply for admittance after the June lottery but before the start of the school year will be placed on a standby list. In the event that the original ranked list is exhausted, a second lottery may be held from the standby list.

Families who have students entering the lottery will be notified by phone call and U.S. mail no less than five calendar days in advance of the lottery. The lottery will occur on the school campus and all parents whose children are entered in the lottery will be encouraged to attend. Every name of a child applying at each grade level will be drawn to establish a priority list, but only those children whose priority numbers fit within the existing number of openings at that grade level will be offered admittance in the fall. Those students who are offered admittance will be notified by phone and U.S. mail of the offer of admission and must accept within forty eight hours of receiving the notification to secure a spot at the school.

Westwood Charter School will retain the records pertaining to the lottery, including all applications, meeting notices, priority list according to the order in which names were drawn, and notifications of acceptance from the waiting list, for five years from the date of the lottery.