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Compass Rose Public School Lottery FAQ

Who is eligible to attend Compass Rose Public Schools?

Compass Rose Public Schools is a tuition-free, non-selective public charter school serving children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. To be eligible to attend Compass Rose, a student must live within the identified district boundaries throughout the city of San Antonio and the Austin region.

What is the specific eligibility for Pre-K students?

See here for Texas state eligibility criteria for PK students. [Copy of PreKindergarten Eligibility Form](#)

How do you determine which applicants are offered a seat at Compass Rose?

If there are more applicants than spaces available, applicants are placed in a lottery and selected in order of Compass Rose's enrollment priorities (see Q5). Students who are not seated are placed on a waitlist in the order in which their names were selected.

Who participates in the lottery?

All prospective students who submit qualifying applications through Compass Rose Public Schools online lottery application by 11:59 p.m. central standard time on the day before the lottery, are included in the lottery and will either be offered a seat or placed on a waitlist. A qualifying application is a completed application that is submitted for a school-aged child (pre-K through 12th grade).

What is the priority structure for lottery?

Applicable for all grade levels

****SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA NOT RELATED TO LOTTERY PRIORITIES MUST BE MET FOR PRE-KINDER FAMILIES****

Enrollment Priority	Description
Priority A	Students whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are a member of the governing board for Compass Rose Public Schools



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Priority B	Students whose parents are full-time teachers, professionals, or other employees of Compass Rose Public Schools regardless of where they reside. Note: PK students of employees qualify to attend if seats are available.
Priority C	Siblings* of students currently enrolled at Compass Rose Public Schools

*For the purposes of the lottery, Compass Rose Public Schools defines siblings as students with a shared legal guardian and shared residence.

Do children who currently attend Compass Rose Public Schools go through the lottery process?

Children in Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade who currently attend Compass Rose will remain Compass Rose Public School students for the coming school year as long as they re-enroll with qualifying documentation during the re-enrollment window.

How many spots are available in each grade?

The number of available spots varies per grade. Compass Rose Public Schools reserves the right to manage the number of offers made from the waitlist in each grade level in order to balance class size and to follow best practices.

When will the lottery take place?

The lottery for the 2024-2025 school year will take place virtually on Friday, February 9th, at 8:30 a.m. The lottery will be recorded and can be accessed upon request. In the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather, the lottery day will be rescheduled for Friday, February 16th.



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at 8:30 am. (Rescheduled may be tentative due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control. ie: weather related)

Do I have to attend the lottery for my student to be included?

No, you do not need to attend the lottery event for your student to be included in the lottery or to receive the results. Results will be made public and parents will receive a phone call and a notification via Compass Rose enrollment platform indicating a seat has been reserved for child(ren). Calls from our recruitment and enrollment team will be made to families who are offered a seat based on the lottery results.

How does the lottery work?

Applications will be organized by grade according to the school's charter admission priorities (see Q5). Each student who submits a qualifying application will be assigned a unique lottery identification number. Students will be identified only by their unique lottery identification number, not by name.

The lottery will be conducted using the proven technology of SchoolMint, a well-known provider of application and lottery management tools for charter schools.

Drawings will begin with pre-K and will continue by grade, through grade twelve. Before each grade's drawing begins, the VP of Operations will announce the number of spots anticipated to be available in that grade.

Access to the recording of the lottery may be requested by emailing angie.williams@compassroseschools.org

What is the residency requirement to attend Compass Rose Public Schools?

All students who attend Compass Rose Public Schools must reside within the regional district boundaries for each city (San Antonio, Manor, and Bastrop) at the time of enrollment and throughout their time at Compass Rose unless they are children of current full-time employees or board members of Compass Rose Public Schools.

Can a child of a current Compass Rose teacher/staff or board member live outside the charter boundaries and still be enrolled at Compass Rose?

Yes. The child of a current, full-time Compass Rose Public School teacher/staff or board member living outside the charter boundaries can be enrolled at a Compass Rose School.



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If one sibling from a family is accepted, are all other siblings automatically accepted?

Compass Rose will automatically enroll siblings of children already enrolled at Compass Rose Public Schools as long as there are seats available. Please note that siblings of students enrolled must submit an application via Compass Rose's registration platform.

What if the students meet multiple priority criteria for lottery?

Students who meet the criteria for more than one priority will be placed in the highest applicable priority.

What do I need to do if my child is accepted?

Parents/guardians of students who receive an offer of admission must accept or decline the offer in SchoolMint (our application platform) by the deadline provided in the acceptance email. Offers to attend Compass Rose Public Schools that are neither accepted nor declined by the provided deadline will be considered expired, and that space may be made available to the next student on the waitlist.

The acceptance email will provide directions to register/enroll your child through the Ascender platform (this is our student information system platform) All required documents to complete registration can be found here: [Registration Acceptable Documentation](#) You MUST have a valid email address to enroll your student.

What happens when my child's name is put on the waitlist?

Your child will remain on the waitlist throughout the remainder of the school year unless a spot opens in the applicable grade and they are the next student on the list. Please ensure the school has your most updated contact information (address, email, phone number) so we can contact you if a spot becomes available. You may update your contact information within the SchoolMint account created when submitting your application or by emailing enrollment@compassroseschools.org

What happens when my child is on the waitlist and his/her name is next in line for an offer of admission?

Should a seat become available for your child, you will receive a phone call from a Compass Rose enrollment staff member extending a verbal offer of admission. You will also receive an email or a text message (whichever method of communication you selected on your application) that same day. You will have 5 school days from the date of the offer to accept or decline to allow families to move on the waitlist and secure a seat for their child. During this time, you will need to complete



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the enrollment process. If you do not accept and complete the offer by the 5th school day, the offer will expire and the space may be offered to the next child on the waitlist.

How long will my child remain on the waiting list?

Your student will remain on the waitlist unless they are offered admission during the current school year, or until you elect to remove him/her from the waitlist.

Your application and/or waitlist spot is ONLY good for the year in which you have applied.

Your application and/or waitlist spot NEVER rolls over to the following school year.

Unless already enrolled with Compass Rose Public Schools, you will ALWAYS need to reapply to the specific year in which you want your child to attend.

What if I made an error on my application and entered the wrong grade information?

During the application window, please make any corrections through the SchoolMint account created when submitting the application. You may also email

enrollment@compassroseschools.org

What if I move during the enrollment period?

If you move before the lottery application window closes, please update your information within the SchoolMint account created when submitting the application or contact the Enrollment Team at enrollment@compassroseschools.org