

Understanding McPherson's General Lottery

McPherson Magnet School, an OUSD K-8 magnet school, is open to all OUSD resident students. (Should you qualify for the Allen Bill, employment related interdistrict transfers, you must first obtain a release from your district of residence. The release should be taken to the principal of McPherson Magnet School, prior to the lottery orientation.)

Enrollment Priority

1. Siblings of current kindergarten through 7th grade students and children of McPherson employees
2. New students kindergarten through 8th grade

Before the Lottery—Orientation and Information

- All parents or guardians of prospective students, entering the McPherson lottery, must attend one orientation meeting.
- Parents or guardians of prospective students who have a child currently attending McPherson do not need to attend the orientation, but must complete and submit a lottery card before the deadline posted on McPherson's webpage.
- Parents attending the orientation will receive one lottery card for each child entering the lottery.
- In the case of twins or multiple birth siblings, all prospective students will be listed on a singular lottery card. Multiple cards will result in a disqualification.
- Lottery cards must be completed and submitted at the time of the orientation meeting.
- Duplicate lottery cards will disqualify the student's lottery enrollment.
- Prospective kindergarten students who have siblings currently attending kindergarten through 7th grade at McPherson must submit required paperwork to the school before the deadline posted on McPherson's webpage to qualify for enrollment priority.
- Inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible information on the lottery card submitted will result in disqualification.

The Lottery Drawing

- The audio-recorded drawing will take place at the OUSD District Office under the supervision of the Director of School and Community Services and the Executive Director of Elementary and Secondary Education and/or their designees.
- Parents of prospective students do not have to be present at the lottery drawing, but are welcome to attend.
- All lottery cards will be numbered in the order drawn.
- In the case of twins or multiple birth siblings, if the lottery card is drawn all sibling students of that grade level will be accepted.
- Student must live within OUSD boundaries **at the time the lottery is drawn**. If student does not live in OUSD boundaries, at the time the lottery is drawn, their lottery card will be void.

After the Lottery

- The lottery results will be posted on McPherson's web at <http://mcphersonhome.meteormail.net>.
- Acceptance of student enrollment will be based upon available openings for each grade level and program.
- Notification of acceptance will be through e-mail. Parents must reply to the e-mail by the indicated deadline to accept the opening, or the McPherson offer of enrollment will be forfeited.
- It is the parent's responsibility to notify McPherson of any e-mail changes.
- If an accepted student has registered at a school other than McPherson, the enrollment acceptance will be revoked (No dual enrollment).
- The remaining student's cards will be placed on a wait-list in the order drawn for the remainder of the school year.
- Current McPherson students are enrolled at McPherson through the completion of the 8th grade unless withdrawn by a parent or involuntarily transferred through the disciplinary process.
- Students completing the 8th grade at McPherson are not guaranteed open enrollment at a specific high school. Unless other arrangements are made, students promoting to the 9th grade will register at their high school of residence.
- Students retained, according to Education Code 48070, will maintain enrollment status for the following year without re-entering the lottery.

Understanding McPherson's Sibling Lottery

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Enrollment Priority

3. Siblings of current kindergarten through 7th grade students and children of McPherson employees
4. New students kindergarten through 8th grade

Before the Lottery—Orientation and Information

- All parents or guardians of prospective students, entering the McPherson lottery, who have a child currently attending McPherson in grades K-7th grade do not need to attend the orientation.
- Parents or guardians must complete and submit a lottery card for each sibling before the deadline posted on McPherson's website, to qualify for priority status.
- In the case of twins or multiple birth siblings, all prospective students will be listed on a singular lottery card. Multiple cards will result in disqualification.
- Duplicate lottery cards will disqualify the student's lottery enrollment.
- Inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible information on the lottery card submitted will result in disqualification.

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- All lottery cards will be numbered in the order drawn.
- In the case of twins or multiple birth siblings, if the lottery card is drawn all sibling students of that grade level will be accepted.

After the Lottery

- The lottery results will be posted on McPherson's web page at <http://mcphersonhome.meteormail.net>.
- Acceptance of student enrollment will be based upon available openings for each grade level and program.
- Notification of acceptance will be through email. Parents must reply to the e-mail by the indicated deadline to accept the opening, or the McPherson offer of enrollment will be forfeited.
- It's the parent's responsibility to notify McPherson of any e-mail changes.
- If an accepted student has registered at a school other than McPherson, the enrollment acceptance will be revoked (No dual enrollment).
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