

## **Rosa Parks Charter High School ADMISSIONS AND LOTTERY POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to explain the application and enrollment process at Rosa Parks Charter High School.

### **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy establishes guidelines for admission into Rosa Parks Charter High School that are consistent with the admission requirements of Minnesota Statutes §124E.11.

### **III. LIMITATIONS ON ENROLLMENT**

Pursuant to the contract with its authorizer, Rosa Parks Charter High School has limited eligible pupils to:

1. Pupils below the age of 21;
2. Pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under Minnesota Statutes §124D.68;

### **IV. GENERAL ENROLLMENT PROVISIONS**

- A. Rosa Parks Charter High School is a public school and pursuant to state law, must enroll an eligible student who submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the program, class, grade level, or building. When that occurs, students will be accepted by lot and admitted as further described in this Policy.
- B. Before admitting a student by the lottery, Rosa Parks Charter High School shall give preference for enrollment to siblings of an enrolled student and to a foster child of an enrolled student's parents. This preference does not apply until one of the siblings is actually enrolled.
- C. Before accepting students by the lottery, Rosa Parks Charter High School **may will** give preference to enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lottery.
- D. Pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statutes § 363A, Rosa

Parks Charter High School shall not discriminate against any student based on race, color, ethnicity, sex, age, national origin, religion or creed, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, disability, intellectual ability, prior measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, or for any other basis that would be unlawful for a public or charter school, nor shall Rosa Parks Charter High School select students based on religious preference.

- E. Rosa Parks Charter High School shall not seek any information about any applicant that may be used to discriminate against the applicant in either school's policies or governing laws. This does not preclude the school from seeking such information for a lawful purpose about a student after the student has been enrolled.
- F. Rosa Parks Charter High School will not distribute any services or goods of value to students, parents or guardians as an inducement, term or condition of enrolling a student.

## **V. ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES & LOTTERY PROCESS**

- A. Interested families must submit fully completed applications to be considered for enrollment. The enrollment period is from January to April 1st. An application must be received by Rosa Parks Charter High School no later than the end of the enrollment period (if this date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will be the deadline date). The Board of Directors may change or adjust the deadline for applications for the next school year by resolution without changing this Policy.
- B. Once the application period is closed, if there are more applicants than spots available, all timely applicants will be placed on one of two lists by grade: (a) a preferential list of student applicants given preference by state law which also notes the type of preference being given (“Preferential waiting list”), and (b) all other applicants (“General waiting list”). Both lists will be independently shuffled and offers of enrollment will be made to students in the order in which they are listed for each grade until classes are full, first exhausting the preference list (“Preferential waiting list”), and then proceeding to the non-preference (“General waiting list”) applicants according to the following procedures:
  - 1. Siblings of currently enrolled students on the Preferential waiting list will be given first priority. If there are more sibling applicants than spots for a particular grade, the sibling applicants will be shuffled by lot for each year and then offers of enrollment will be made in the order drawn.
  - 2. Second priority will be given to children of school staff on the Preferential waiting list. If there are more applicants than spots for a particular grade, the applicants will be shuffled by lot for each year and then offers of enrollment will be made in the order drawn. If a staff member's employment is ended for any reason, the applicant moves to the end of the General waiting list.

3. Once all sibling applicants [and children of school staff *{if applicable}*] have been placed, other applicants will be offered enrollment in the order they were placed on the General waiting list as determined by the lottery.
- C. This lottery will be held no later than the first Wednesday of April, after the student application deadline, if a lottery is required.
- D. If any application is received after the end of the open enrollment period, but before the next open enrollment period, and the maximum capacity of the program, class, grade level or building is

reached, the applicant will be placed at the end of the number General waiting list based on the date when the application was received by Rosa Parks Charter High School.

- E. If any student, whether enrolled or on the waiting list, cancels their application or withdraws from Rosa Parks Charter High School, they shall lose their place. If they later re-apply, they shall be treated as a new applicant.
- F. If an offer of enrollment is rejected or not accepted within 14 days by an applicant who is a lottery winner, the offer of enrollment is rescinded and the application will be considered withdrawn. An offer of enrollment will then be made to the next applicant on the waiting list.
- G. All applicants still on a waiting list at the beginning of the next enrollment period must submit a new application for enrollment and will be subject to the enrollment process described above. The waiting lists do not carry over from year to year.
- H. Publication of the lottery policy, at a minimum, will be made public via the school's website.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 124E.11 (Charter Schools – Admission Requirements & Enrollment) Minn. Stat. §§ 123B.36-.37 (Authorized Fees; Prohibited Fees)