

TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION		
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT PERIOD		6206
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Participation in each authorized charter school shall be based on the choice of the parent, legal guardian, or custodian. All eligible students who submit a timely application shall be enrolled in the school, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the program, in which case enrollment preferences and a lottery shall be instituted pursuant to state law and State Board rules.¹ All admission and enrollment policies of the authorized charter schools shall restrict discrimination for any reason prohibited by state and/or federal law.

Charter schools shall adopt a policy that provides for an open enrollment period during which parents/guardians may choose to enroll in the school and that, at minimum, addresses application period, lottery, waitlists, or any other admission processes.² In the event of a lottery, authorized charter schools may accept students residing outside of the geographic boundaries of the school district that they were authorized to locate in, provided that the selection is in accordance with state law.³

Kindergarten Readiness. Any child residing within the state who is or will be five (5) years of age on or before August 15 of the school year which they wish to enroll, who submits a timely application for admission, shall be eligible to enroll in an authorized charter school that serves Kindergarten.⁴

If a child will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, such child's parent(s)/guardian(s) may request that the child be admitted into kindergarten.⁵ In compliance with State Board procedures, a charter school may administer an evaluation and examination. If the results indicate that the child is sufficiently mature emotionally and academically, then the child may be enrolled into kindergarten.

Legal References:

¹ T.C.A. § 49-13-113; TRR/MS 0520-14-01-.04

² T.C.A. § 49-2-128

³ T.C.A. § 49-13-113(d)

⁴ T.C.A. 49-6-201(b)(3); T.C.A. 49-6-3001(b)(1)

⁵ T.C.A. 49-6-3001(b)(2)(B)

Cross References:

Student Enrollment Procedures

LEA Policy 1801 Special Education

LEA Policy 1802 ADA and Section 504