Enrollment Lottery Procedures SY 2020 -2021

A lottery is conducted when the number of applications received is greater than the number of spaces available. The lottery date is based on the school calendar and is scheduled two Fridays before the first day of classes (tentative date is August 14, 2020 at 1:00pm at 1100 Harvard Street, NW in the auditorium).

Below is an outline of the enrollment lottery process:

- During open enrollment in August, all applicants, upon demonstrating that they meet residency requirements, are tested to determine their placement level. They then go to the lottery station where their name, phone number, ESL level, preferred class, session (AM, PM, or EVE) and if under age 26 (for immunization purposes) is entered into the lottery system.
- The applicant then receives a lottery ticket, generated through the lottery database. The lottery ticket is then paired with the applicant’s folder and applicant folders are sorted alphabetically.
- Information is distributed to applicants containing the date and location of the actual lottery, (which they are welcome to, but not required to, attend), and next steps for registration if they were to win a spot.
- After all applications are received, classes for which there are more applicants than spaces available go to lottery. For all other classes, applicants automatically win a spot at the school.
- The lottery system randomly generates a winners list and a waiting list. The lists show the order in which the names, with ticket numbers, were drawn. Both lists are then posted on the school’s doors, website and Facebook page (with only ticket numbers and/or first initial and last name visible).
- Winners are contacted by email and/or phone and reminded to come in and complete the registration process the week immediately after the lottery. Waiting list applicants are called in at later points in the semester during mini-registrations as spaces become available. They are called according to the order their name falls in the lottery waiting list for their specific class and session.