

# Student Lottery Application, Policy, and Lottery date

The intent of Sage Collegiate is to serve students primarily in the 89107, 89108, and 89146 zip codes, though any eligible-by-age student in Nevada is eligible to enroll. Marketing is targeted to students residing in the community or attending schools in the community served and will comply with the requirements of all state, federal, and authorizer laws including SB208; NRS 386.580; and SB390.

## **Application Process and Dates**

As a public charter school, Sage Collegiate is free and open to all students throughout Nevada. In 2024-25, we are open to students in Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Sage Collegiate does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.

Sage Collegiate will accept applications for enrollment from December 1 – February 17, 2025. The lottery for 2025–26 will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025. An application may be submitted by the parent/legal guardian of any child who lives in Nevada. If the number of applications received during the open enrollment period does not exceed the number of seats available, including by grade, all children who applied shall be enrolled in our school, and parents/guardians will be notified by Monday, February 24, 2025 of their enrollment.

If more students who are eligible apply for enrollment at Sage Collegiate than the number of seats available in the respective grade levels, Sage Collegiate will determine which applicants to enroll on the basis of a lottery system. Should a lottery be needed, the lottery will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025, which is no sooner than 45 days after Sage Collegiate begins accepting applications and within 3 business days after the close of the enrollment window (February 17).

## **Lottery Criteria**

We aim to maximize opportunity and access for families in poverty, academically low-achieving students, students with disabilities, and other students at risk of academic failure.

As such, preference for available spaces will be given to students using these criteria:

- Siblings of current students.
- 2. Children of current staff members.
- 3. Students currently zoned to attend a school that has received a rating in the lowest two tiers in the previous year and within a 2-mile radius of Sage Collegiate.
- 4. Students who may be enrolled in any early childhood or Pre-K program at Sage Collegiate.
- 5. Students who are at-risk as defined by English Language Learners (must report home language status) and who live within a 2-mile radius of Sage Collegiate.
- 6. Students who are at-risk as defined by economically disadvantaged (must submit income verification) and who live within a 2-mile radius of Sage Collegiate.
- 7. Students zoned to attend overcrowded schools (greater than 25% over capacity) and who live within 2 miles of Sage Collegiate.
- 8. Students who reside within 2 miles of Sage Collegiate's facility.
- Students residing in Clark County who are at risk as defined as English Language Learners (must report home language status).
- 10. Students residing in Clark County who are at risk as defined as economically disadvantaged (must report home income verification).



### 11. Students residing in Clark County.

If a child gains admission, any siblings who are also applying will automatically be given the next enrollment slot, if available for their grade.

After the lottery takes place, Sage Collegiate will maintain a numerical order of students, by respective grade, of those who are accepted and those who are placed on the waitlist. Students who are selected via the lottery for an enrollment seat will be notified of their enrollment within two weeks of their admission and will be given 10 calendar days from the lottery to accept or decline a seat. If a student declines their seat, the next student on the waitlist, determined by the lottery, will be notified of their open enrollment seat.

Children who seek enrollment at Sage Collegiate after the lottery will be added to the enrollment wait list on a first-come, first-served basis in the order their completed applications are received.

#### **Other Notes**

Returning Sage Collegiate scholars are automatically enrolled and are exempt from the lottery process. However, parents/guardians of returning students will be asked about their intent to re-enroll the following year in January, allowed the Sage Collegiate staff to estimate the number of open seats for the following year.

During any period of discretionary grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education, we will comply with the Charter Schools Program Non-Regulatory Guidance (CSP NRG) regarding lotteries. In the event any provisions included here are deemed to conflict with the CSP NRG, the school will modify its lottery procedures to ensure compliance and eligibility for federal funding.

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