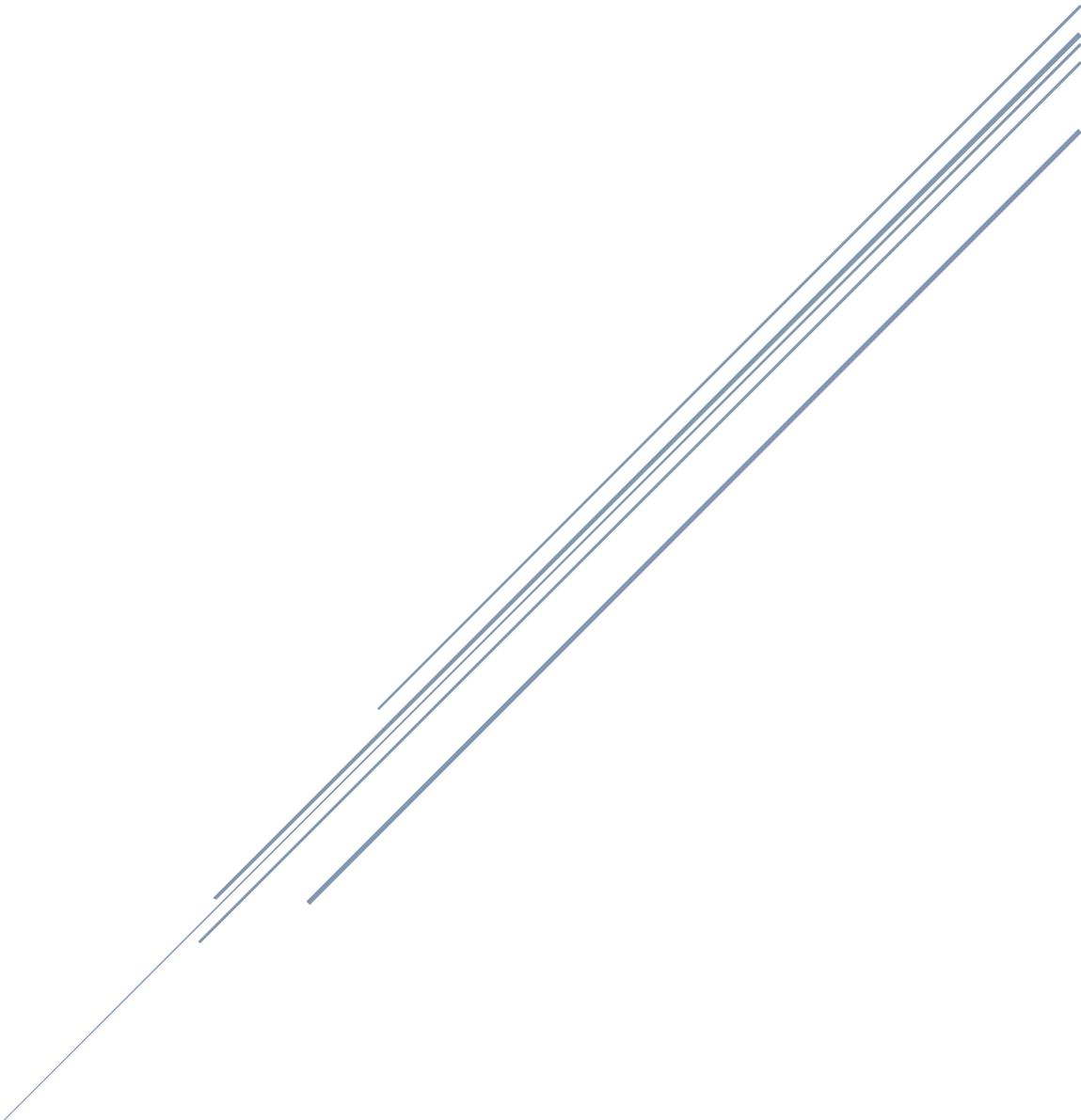


ANDERSON CREEK ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS-LOTTERY FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS



How does the lottery work?

Lotterease will randomly sort all applicant names in each grade level. No information about the student other than what you, the parent or guardian, entered on the online form is used for selections.

For example: If there are 50 applicants for 5th grade and there are only 15 available slots, *Lotterease* will randomly sort all student names and the first 15 will be offered a seat (after adjustments for siblings are made). The remaining 35 students will make up the waiting list, in the order in which they were randomly selected.

How is the number of openings determined?

Siblings of currently enrolled students, as well as children of ACA employees receive preference in the lottery, per State Statute G.S.115C-238.29F(g)(5). These children are either assigned a spot at ACA or receive priority on the waiting list if a spot is not immediately available. This number varies from year to year. For openings in 1st through 5th grades, the number of available seats is determined by current Kindergarten through 4th grade families who respond to an intent survey sent in February each year which asks if their child plans to return. This survey is sent prior to the lottery and, typically, parents notify us that their children will return apart from those who have received orders to move.

If my child has a sibling currently attending ACA, does he/she automatically get a spot?

No, you will need to apply during open enrollment.

Parent(s) who have student(s) currently attending Anderson Creek Academy (ACA) AND HAVE a sibling(s) you would like to attend ACA for the 2021-22 school year:

You MUST APPLY before FEBRUARY 14th, in order to get sibling preference.

DIRECTIONS:

- Go to the school website acacharter.com and click on **open enrollment** link on home page.
- Login into your existing parent account or create a new account. When inputting your child(s) information be sure to choose – **Enrolled Sibling** as a preference.

Please call Anderson Creek Academy front office (910-814-9001) for any assistance.

Choose under Application Preference Group – Enrolled Sibling

What happens if there are no openings in a grade at the time of the lottery?

The lottery will still be held; however, the student names are randomly sorted to create a waiting list. *Please note: During the spring and summer months there is a great deal of movement on our waiting list so please do not be disappointed if there are no openings at the time of the lottery. There are still possibilities.*

What information do I need to track my child on the lottery?

When the public lottery is held there will be no child's name displayed. When you submit an application in the lottery there is a Student ID# that will identify your child. This will be the number displayed when the lottery is held. This number will reference if your child has been accepted or is on the waitlist. You can also login into the Lotterease Parent Portal.

I do not live in Harnett County. Can I still apply? Can my child still attend ACA if selected?

Yes, if you are a North Carolina resident and can provide transportation for your child. (All of our students are car riders.)

We are moving to the Fort Bragg area but are not NC residents. Can we still apply?

Yes, if you live in NC at the time of school attendance

Can military families apply for a charter school?

Yes, either at the lottery or afterwards. Most of the ACA Families are affiliated with the US military and are either assigned to Fort Bragg or are retired military. We work closely with the Fort Bragg community to serve our scholars.

I applied on the first day the application was available. Does that make a difference?

The lottery is a random selection of applicant names submitted during Open Enrollment. It does not matter when you applied. The only time where it would matter is if the number of applications does not exceed the number of openings, in which case the students would be offered a space after submitting a lottery application.

May I attend the lottery?

We are required by law to open our lottery to the public. Because we are using an electronic system, it is completed within minutes.

Your attendance at the lottery has no impact on the results. We do not know who your child is.

We will use a laptop to run the lottery, and the Lotterease screen will be projected so that anyone who wishes to attend can watch us select "Run" from the menu options. You may also view the results on your home computer, tablet or phone. Verified results, however, will not be released until 3-10 days after the lottery. We will not project the results by grade until after all grade level lotteries have been run. Preliminary results will be projected the night of the Lottery; however, verified results will be available by March 19.

I completed an application, but I've changed my mind and do not want my child to be entered in the lottery. What should I do?

**Please remove your child's information by using your Lotterease account before
Friday, February 28, 2021.**

You may also contact admissions@acacharter.com to request removal. Requests must be in writing.

How will I be notified?

You can check the Lotterease website for verified results any time after March 19, 2020.

1. By logging into your Lotterease Parent account and choosing your child's name, view lottery application.

If your child has been selected, you can confirm attendance or decline attendance while on this page by selecting Edit and making your choice.

-OR-

The other option is to wait for your official email notification which should be delivered to your inbox within 3 to 10 days after the lottery.

When you receive your official notice from Lotterease, please open the email and follow the instructions. Other Lotterease users have informed us each year they have a family or two that forfeit their child's seat because they were so excited their child was selected (subject line of the email), they never opened the email to read that they had to confirm attendance!

IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN SELECTED, YOU CAN CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OR DECLINE ATTENDANCE BY CLICKING THE LINK IN THE EMAIL FROM LOTTEREASE.

We strongly recommend that you enter Anderson_Creek_Academy@lotterease.com into your contacts to prevent the email from being recognized as spam. (Make sure you put an underscore after Anderson and after Creek, Anderson_Creek_Academy)

We also recommend that you check your junk/spam folders on a regular basis for future notifications from Lotterese, especially if your child was placed on the waiting list.

What if I have more than one child that I would like to be entered into the lottery, is my 2nd child automatically entered?

No, each child must be entered into the lottery separately. Once, you enter the first child you can add siblings under that child.

What if I have two children in the same grade level?

If one child falls into the selected group and the other does not, Lotterese will make the adjustment to ensure the placement of both students in the initial lottery run.

I have two children - one is in 3rd and the other is in 5th grade.

What happens if my 3rd grader is selected and there are no openings in 5th grade?

Once you accept the seat for the 3rd grader, the 5th grader will be moved to the top of the waiting list and will be offered the next available slot.

****Please note: Your child's placement at the top of the waiting list depends on how many other siblings were also moved based on the order of the selection. Example: Your 3rd grader is the 4th one selected that has a sibling in 5th grade; therefore, the other 3 siblings would be moved to the #1, #2, and #3 spots, and your 5th grader would be moved to the 4th spot. ****

My child was selected. What is the next step?

The date and time of the Lottery will be posted on the acacharter.com website.

After the initial Lottery results are verified, emails will be sent to those selected requesting confirmations that you accept the space. **You will have five (5) days in which to “confirm” (accept) or “decline.” These five (5) days include weekends and holidays.**

- **If you do nothing within 5 days, the seat will be forfeited to the next person on the wait list on the 6th day.**
- If you confirm attendance, please also click on the link in the email that directs you to the Enrollment Form.
- If you decline attendance, the first child on the waiting list will be contacted.

We respectfully request that you either confirm or decline as soon as possible. By allowing the 5-day deadline to pass, you are denying a child on the waiting list the opportunity to be notified promptly.

What if I decline and then change my mind?

Unfortunately, once you decline the offer, the next child on the waiting list is contacted. You can re-apply, but your child’s name will be added to the end of the waiting list.

What if I intend to confirm attendance but do not confirm within the 5-day time frame?

You forfeit your child’s spot and the next child on the list is contacted by Lotterease. There are no exceptions.

What if I do not submit Admission Paperwork once I have confirmed my child’s spot?

Each applicant has **7 days** to return admission paperwork to the school once you have confirmed your child’s spot. If you do not return paperwork to the school within the 7 days your child will return to the wait list.

How am I notified if there is an opening?

Once a parent declines a seat, Lotterease will automatically generate an email to notify the next child on the waiting list. You will have a five (5) day window in which to confirm or decline attendance.

You will receive a courtesy reminder email if 3 days have passed, and you have not responded.

Please Note: If your child is selected and you are not interested in having your child attend ACA, please be courteous and decline right away, or reply to the courtesy email. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

ACA does not call to notify families or send notices through U.S. Mail.

My contact information has changed, and I need to revise it so that I receive email and text notices from you. What do I do?

You can update your email address and phone number by logging into your Lotterease account and making the change(s) yourself.

Will you call me to let me know each time my child's position changes on the waiting list?

No. You can check your child's status daily, if you wish, by logging into Lotterease and selecting your child's name.

Please contact Anderson Creek Academy Registrar Office at admissions@acacharter.com with questions.

