

Compass Academy Application Process 2018-2019 School Year

Please carefully review this information about the Compass Academy Application Process as carefully as possible. Over the last few years we have made changes to the application process in an effort to make it as fair and transparent as possible.

- We **NO LONGER** use a first-come, first-serve process to fill the first 50 slots.
 - Siblings **ARE NOT** automatically accepted.
- 25 slots will be set aside for siblings and they will be filled using a **SIBLING LOTTERY**.
 - The sibling lottery will be held right before the general lottery on March 1.

Since there is no first-come, first-serve, and most slots will be filled using a GENERAL LOTTERY, the application process now includes opportunities to increase the chances of success in the lotteries.

Families can earn these additional chances by participating in special events and activities.

Parents, guardians and adult advocates receive one pre-printed, numbered ticket for every event they attend. *(One ticket per applicant per event.)* Tickets will be turned in with the application and will earn the student additional chances in the sibling lottery and the general lottery.

(See below for more details and a complete list of activities, which will be held Feb. 7 through Feb. 15.)

OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION PROCESS WITH IMPORTANT DATES

Applications will be available beginning Jan. 29 at noon.
Applications will be accepted at the district office Feb. 20-23.

Event	Description	Date
Eligibility	Students must reside within district boundaries. <i>(Please Note: Prior to the application process, transition meetings may be held for students needing accommodations or who have special needs.)</i>	Various departments will determine eligibility once applications are received
Sibling Lottery <i>(25 slots)</i>	In an effort to keep families together, a special lottery will be held for applicants who will have siblings at Compass Academy during the 2018-2019 school year. Those who have earned additional chances by participating in various events and activities will be entered into this lottery multiple times, which will increase their chances of acceptance. Siblings who are unsuccessful in the sibling lottery would be entered in the general lottery.	March 1 <i>(This lottery will be held right before the general lottery.)</i>
General Lottery <i>(100 slots)</i>	All students who have submitted an application and meet the eligibility requirements will be entered into the general lottery. Those who have earned additional chances by participating in various events and activities will be entered in this lottery multiple times, which will increase their chance of acceptance.	March 1
Meeting School's Demographic Needs <i>(25 slots)</i>	To ensure Compass Academy's demographics are representative of the district, 25 slots will be set aside and filled by students who meet certain criteria such as socio-economic status, ethnicity, gender, need for special programs, etc.	March 1
Waitlist	All students who are unsuccessful in the lottery will be put on a waitlist based on lottery results.	Ongoing Process

DETAILED LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE CHANCES IN THE GENERAL LOTTERY

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in any or all of these events DOES NOT guarantee a spot at Compass, but will increase a student's chance of success in the sibling lottery and/or general lottery.

Opportunity	Description	Date	Why
Legacy <i>(One ticket per family.)</i>	Any student who has had a sibling graduate from Compass in 2014-15 or 2015-16 can pick up a ticket at the Compass Academy office. <i>(School staff must verify attendance/graduation.)</i>	Feb 5-23	This is a unique opportunity to honor commitments made to families who enrolled students while Compass was still under construction.
Parent Information Meetings <i>(At least one parent/guardian or adult advocate must attend. One ticket per family.)</i>	Attend one of the information meetings that will highlight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project-based learning • 1:1 Technology • Echo • Integrated Courses • Grading • Group work • Expectations 	Feb. 7 & Feb. 8 @ 7 pm Compass Academy	Parents will learn about what makes Compass so unique. They also will receive an overview of what learning looks like at Compass.
School Tours <i>(At least one parent must attend. One ticket per family.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend one of many planned school day tours, which will give parents a chance to see Compass students in action. 	Feb. 9, 12, 13 Call the school at 525-7720 to set a time.	Parents will have the chance to see what a Compass class looks like, experience integrated course work and talk to Compass students about their experiences.
Compass Student Event <i>(Prospective student must attend with at least one parent/guardian or adult advocate. One ticket per family.)</i>	Attend a student event, which are often held as the culminating part of a project.	Feb. 15 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm @ Compass Academy	This event showcases what a finished project looks like and would give prospective students a chance to learn more about the process.