



Application & Lottery Process

Easy to Apply:

Simply go to our website at **www.mysmcs.org** and complete and submit an online* application between **February 2nd, 2026 and March 30th, 2026** for *each* student seeking admission for **2026-27**.

*Contact the front office if you need a paper copy of the application.

SMCS is a public charter school and will continue to accept applications after the lottery. Applications received after **March 30th, 2026** will be placed on a waitlist, in the order received, for the upcoming school year.

Lottery and Waitlist: All Applications are due by **March 30th, 2026** by 3:00 pm MST to be entered in the lottery. The lottery will be held on **April 1st, 2026**. Attendance is not required for admittance. The following preferences are observed for the lottery.

1. Children of full-time SMCS employees and essential personnel. Essential personnel is defined as an individual who possesses specialized training in a field whose skills are required by the state of Colorado for school operations (e.g. occupational therapist, physical therapist, school psychologist, speech therapist, school nurse).
2. Students currently enrolled in SMCS preschool will have preference for entry into the Kindergarten class.
3. Siblings of returning SMCS Students
 - a. Should there be more siblings of returning SMCS students than enrollment openings for a given grade, enrollment shall be offered by random selection from within this priority group for the affected grade level (with no additional sibling preference within this grouping).
 - b. Siblings that did not receive a spot through random selection in a given year will retain priority in the subsequent school year, space permitting.
 - c. Siblings are defined as any child/children living in the same household or with a common parent(s)/ legal guardian(s) in separate households. This includes children who become siblings by marriage and/or adoption.
4. Younger siblings of students selected in the lottery
5. Children of part-time staff (employed 20-28 hours per week).*
6. In-District students qualifying for FRL will receive higher probability with their name being entered into a weighted lottery two times.**
7. In-District students, that have applied within the previous year's **open enrollment window*****, may have their name entered in the lottery two times if once again applying during the Open Enrollment period.
8. All District residents
9. Non-District students that have applied within a previous year's **open enrollment window**, may have their name entered in the lottery two times if once again applying during the open enrollment period. If applications were received outside of the window, they will not be given this preference.
10. All non-District Colorado residents

*Substitute hours do not count towards total weekly hours.

**No person shall receive more than two entries in any one lottery.

***If past applications were received outside of the open enrollment window, they will not be given this preference.

Notification and Procedures:

Applicants that receive placement for **2026-27** will be notified through Lotterease/ Enrollease on **April 1st**. Applicants must confirm placement within 48 hours to secure a spot. If a family does not respond to the lottery notification after 48 hours, their child's name shall be moved to the bottom of the waitlist, and that available spot will be offered to the child at the top of the waitlist. Enrollment Packets are due within two weeks of admittance. Should a position in the school become available from August 1st to October 1st, parents/legal guardians with children on the waitlist will have twenty-four hours (24) upon verbal notification to notify SMCS of acceptance of those positions. SMCS will attempt to contact parents/legal guardians for twenty-four hours only during this time period. It is the responsibility of the parents/legal guardians of a potential student to maintain current contact information with the school.

Applicants placed on the waitlist will be notified through Lotterease/ Enrollease on **April 1st**. Should a space become available, the first person on the waitlist will be contacted. From the date of first contact, families have 48-hours to confirm or deny enrollment, or the spot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist. If students are not accepted for the applicable year, a family may choose to re-apply the next spring. New applications are required each year. SMCS is not responsible for reminding families to re-apply.