



## An In-Depth Look at the Lottery Process

KIPP Jacksonville holds an enrollment lottery to randomly select students to fill spots for the upcoming school year. The application process for the lottery opens each year in December and closes in April. During the lottery, names will be selected randomly by grade, with spots offered in the order of names selected. When the capacity for each grade level is reached, the remaining applications will be assigned a position on our waiting list in random order. Only applications completed before the deadline are entered in the lottery. Applications submitted after the lottery are granted seats or added to the waitlist in order of the date and time of their application.

KIPP Jacksonville uses SchoolMint, an automated enrollment software system that is fair, transparent, and complies with data privacy regulations to make sure the lottery results are random. Some students are given preference in the lottery. They include the following:

- Military families
- Children of KIPP employees
- Siblings of current KIPP students
- Families who enroll more than one sibling
- Students who live in targeted zip codes

On the day of the lottery, families who receive an offer from a KIPP campus will receive a notification of their status via the preferred method of communication indicated on their application. Families can also see their offer status by logging into SchoolMint on lottery day. An initial round of offers will be sent on lottery day, and we'll continue sending offers when seats become available. Families will receive a follow-up call from their campus within a few days of receiving an offer.

If your student is not admitted immediately during the lottery, they are automatically placed on the waitlist. Enrollment is offered to the next student on the waitlist as soon as we get a notice of withdrawal. If a parent declines an enrollment offer, we move to the next student on the waitlist until the seat is filled. Once the lottery date has passed, we begin accepting applications on a first come, first served basis as long as seats are available. All other applicants during this time will be added to the waitlist.

Parents can direct any questions about the lottery to our enrollment team. Please email them at [info@kipjax.org](mailto:info@kipjax.org)