

Promontory Enrollment FAQ's

Can a charter school limit its enrollment to certain students?

No. A charter school is part of the public education system and must be open to all students, without discrimination, on the same basis as other public schools. If the number of students applying to enroll in a charter school exceeds the capacity of the school or of programs, classes, or grade levels within the school, then those students to be admitted are chosen at random (via lottery) from among the applicants.

How do I apply to Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning?

To apply to Promontory through our lottery system, go to the school website at www.promontoryschool.org and click "Enrollment" on the main menu and follow the prompts to complete the lottery application.

When can I complete an application to enter my child into the lottery for the new school year?

If you have already completed an application for your child to enter a past lottery at Promontory and you are currently on the waiting list, you do not need to complete another application for that child. Each child remains on the waiting list until a slot opens and you are offered a position or until you call and have your child's name removed from the waiting list.

If you have not submitted a previous application for your student, you can apply for the *current* school year at any time. If you are applying for the *next upcoming* school year, you must wait until you see a link on Promontory's website accepting applications for that school year. We generally post the link to the next year's lottery in December and actually run the lottery in February.

As per state law, in order to apply for the kindergarten lottery, students must be at least 5-years old on or before September 1 of the school year they will begin kindergarten. Applying years in advance for kindergartners does not increase chances of selection.

Do I complete an application for each student I would like to enroll?

If you are enrolling multiple students for the same school year, you can complete one application as a family that lists each student who will attend that same year. If you already have a student on the waiting list or attending Promontory, you need to fill out a new application for the new sibling(s). In this case, be sure to select "Yes" when asked if you have previous applicants so we can connect them together as siblings.

How does the waiting list work?

Once we run the lottery, selected applicants are offered any open positions. If there are more applicants than open positions in the school, the remaining applicants are placed on a "waiting list" in the order they are selected. The list stays in this order and students move up as openings occur. When we run later lotteries, new applicants are assigned waiting spots behind students who are already on the list.

In an effort to keep families together, we have a separate waiting list for siblings (living in the same household) of students already attending Promontory. The siblings of Promontory students are given preference when openings occur at the school. If you have several students on the general waiting list

and one of them is selected to enroll in the school, the siblings (living in the same household) of that newly enrolled student are moved to the sibling waiting list.

How long is the waiting list?

The length of the waiting list varies greatly over time. You are welcome to call the school at 435-919-1900 to find out how long the waiting list is for the specific grade your student will enter.

How will I know if my child has been selected for enrollment at the school?

Once your child is selected for enrollment, you will be sent an email offering him/her a position at Promontory. Email is our primary method of communication during the enrollment process. You may need to check your spam mail folder.

What do I do once I receive an email offering my student a position at Promontory?

You have five (5) days from the date the offer is emailed to accept the position. If you do not respond to the invitation in that five-day window, your offer will be considered declined and the open position will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.

If you decline a position once it is offered to you and later decide you'd like your child to attend Promontory, please re-apply by filling out a new application.

Is there anything I can do to improve my child's chance of getting in to Promontory School?

By law, the only way to receive preferential treatment is if the student applying is a sibling living in the same household as a child already attending Promontory or if a parent is a founding board member, a current governing board member, or a current employee of Promontory School. Extra volunteer hours, special favors, or donations are not accepted in exchange for special preference.

What if I need to change my contact information or want to modify my student's enrollment application?

If you need to make any updates or changes to your lottery application, please call the office at 435-919-1900.