



JOHN L. ORY

COMMUNICATION ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

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Joining together to create a love for learning while treating others with respect

Lottery Selection Process

In an effort to maintain the 50/50 racial composition of the school, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The names of all applicants entered into the lottery are posted on the wall of the auditorium on April 3 for review prior to the lottery selection. Applicants should look for the child's name on the charts on the wall in the auditorium. School officials should be notified immediately of any discrepancy. Once the lottery selection begins, no challenges of discrepancy can be voiced.
2. Information on the student application forms has been checked for accuracy and data corrected as necessary. Parents may view the list of lottery applicants posted on the wall in the back of the auditorium prior to the lottery selection.
3. All student application information has been entered into a database. Each application has been ordered alphabetically by grade level for which the student is applying. Applications will be cross-checked for correct grade level of application, sibling data and for correct racial information at the time of acceptance. If there are any discrepancies, in the information, parents will have until the next business day to provide the correction documentation.
4. Student Selection: In order to bring about a better racial composition in all grades, applicants will be divided into two groups: majority race and minority race. Applicants will be selected equally from each group, with siblings selected first. Numbers will be selected at random using a student selection computer software program in an open forum with representatives from the St. John Parish Central Office Administration present as witnesses. Families of all applicants are also invited to attend. This process is a part of the St. John Parish Desegregation Plan and has been approved by the courts.
5. Siblings of currently attending students will be given first preference in the selection process, and will be accepted as space is available and provided the racial balance is

maintained. Siblings of selected students from the lottery will be given the sibling preference once the selected student has attended Ory for one year.

6. There will be 20 majority and 20 minority Kindergarten students initially accepted, with all remaining students placed on a waiting list. All applicants in grades 1-8 and remaining Kindergarten applicants will be placed on a waiting list until promotion of students from the current year has been determined.
7. After the lottery selection has been performed, students' names will be read aloud in order as they appear for acceptance or on the waiting list for grade level.
8. All applicants will be notified of their placement in the lottery process via the email address that was provided on the application the following business day after the lottery selection has been completed. Notice of selection or number on the waiting list may also be viewed online at <http://www.oryapplicant.net>.
9. If any of the applicants that are selected withdraw their application, the applicant that is next on the list will be selected and the parents notified.
10. Once the selection process is completed, the official notification of students selected into Kindergarten will be emailed to those applicants by April 30, 2014. Information will **not** be provided over the phone. Parents will be asked to accept or reject admission into the magnet program by May 8, 2014.
11. All Kindergarten students that are selected to attend Ory Magnet School for the 2014-2015 school year will be required to attend an orientation session on Friday, May 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.