

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How does the lottery work?

Applications are taken starting in November and ending in December. Lottery takes place in January.

All applications are assigned a randomly selected lottery drawn number. Invitations for Charleston County residents to attend are determined by the lottery number after priority enrollment has been given to:

- Children of Faculty/Staff
- Siblings of current students
- Students that live in the original attendance zone

Once all spaces have been filled we start a lottery/waiting list that consists of all students that did not make it in the lottery, and students that complete the application after the December deadline. Late applicants are at the end of the lottery/waiting list.

What number is my child on the waiting list?

Call anytime (843-852-7903) or email Wanda.Colston@ogeecs.com to find out if your child has moved up on the list.

How does my child stay on the waiting list if my child was not accepted?

You must return the lottery/waiting list letter indicating that you wish to remain on the waiting list.

Does my child stay on the waiting list or do I have to apply each year?

The waiting list does not roll over each year. So every year you will need to reapply.

Can a child apply for admission any time in the year?

Yes, you can complete a registration application at anytime. If slots are available and there isn't a waiting list for that grade level admission can be

immediate. But if there is a waiting list and no slots are available you will be placed at the end of that grade level waiting list.

If you are called for admission you have 24 hours to reply with an acceptance or to decline. You can leave a voice message with name at (843-852-7903) or email Wanda.Colston@ogecs.com .

RE-REGISTRATION

[Do I need to register my child each year once they are an OGECS student?](#)

Re-registration for returning students is done at the beginning of the new school term. This is a formality only. The main office will only need the re-registration application and current utility bill and residence affidavit.

New students will also need to fill out the complete registration packet with current utility bill and residence affidavit.

This information will be distributed at Fact and Fee Night in August before the first day of school.

Child Development (CD) Registration - This program is designed to prepare students for five year old kindergarten.

[How do I register my four year old?](#)

Application forms are available in the main office or on the website. Your child must be four by September 1st and live in the original Orange Grove attendance zone in order to qualify for CD.

Testing will be conducted based on timelines provided by the Charleston County School District.

OBSERVATIONS

Classroom observations are encouraged for any grade level. However, you must schedule an appointment at least a week in advance. Please keep in mind that schedules are subject to change depending on classroom and school wide activities.

To schedule an appointment call (843-852-7903) or email Wanda_Colston@ogecs.com.