

Lottery, Admissions and First Day of School Policy

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Pioneer Springs Community School is a nonprofit, tuition-free public charter school authorized by the state of North Carolina as of the 2014-2015 school year. As a charter school, PSCS will be open to all students who would otherwise qualify for enrollment in North Carolina Public Schools. PSCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or ethnic origin. All applicants must be North Carolina residents. In order to register for Kindergarten, children must be five years of age by August 31st of that school year.

No criteria for admission will be used except the completed registration, i.e. application. The registration may be completed online by submitting the electronic form on our website (www.Pioneersprings.org). Submitting the online registration is preferred; but if necessary, a paper registration may be downloaded and printed from the web site, picked up in person from the school, or sent by mail upon request. If a paper registration is used, it must be sent to the school by mail at **PO Box 480537**

Charlotte NC 28269. Paper registrations will not be accepted at the school. The registration will include the student's name, parent's/guardian's name, current address of student, phone number of parent/guardian, email address of parent/guardian, county of residence, current grade level, student's date of birth, current school, the name of any siblings already enrolled at the school, confirmation of access to email, parent email address and an indication as to how the family would like their sibling children entered into the lottery.

Only one registration is allowed per child. In the event a child is registered more than once, only the first registration is valid, as determined by the assigned registration number. Any additional registrations will be considered invalid, unless approved in advance by the Director prior to the lottery. Any additional inaccuracies found in registration information may invalidate the lottery entry. We will make every effort to remove additional and inaccurate registrations prior to the lottery, however, if an additional or inaccurate registration is discovered during the lottery, this will not invalidate the lottery results. In the event of intentional additional and/or inaccurate registrations are submitted, the Director has the discretion to invalidate all fraudulent registrations before or after the lottery. The lottery will not be rerun due to additional duplications or inaccuracies.

Pioneer Springs Community School will conduct open enrollment for a minimum of 30 calendar days. At the end of the open enrollment a determination will be made as to whether a lottery will be required or if rolling enrollment will continue until all spots are filled. The Board of Trustees will annually establish the dates and times for open enrollment and the lottery, and these dates will be posted on the school website.

If there are more applicants than there are spots available, we will hold a lottery in an open meeting.

