

ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE POLICY

Lake Oconee Academy

As allowed by law, Lake Oconee Academy (LOA) may give enrollment preference to applicants in any one or more of the following categories in the order of priority specified in the charter: Any student whose parent or guardian is a member of the governing board of the charter school or is a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee at the charter school; A sibling of a student enrolled in the charter school; and Children who matriculate from a pre-kindergarten program which is associated with the school.

In order to clarify the above general terms set out in the Charter, and to fairly and consistently provide for priorities, which are statutorily authorized exceptions to the lottery's uniform and fair method of assigning enrollment placements, the Board of Governors of LOA finds that the following definitions are in the best interests of LOA and shall control in the interpretation the Charter specified enrollment preferences.

Siblings: For the purposes herein, to facilitate the maintenance of a stable family unit within the same household, and to further foster and facilitate an effective and productive home learning environment, it is the goal and policy of Lake Oconee Academy to define a sibling as follows:

A sibling is defined as any student or potential student who lives in the same household as any of the following on a full-time or part time basis:

1. Biological siblings that share parents;
2. "Half" siblings that share a single parent;
3. "Step" siblings that share a parent or parents through marriage even if the marriage was terminated by death or dissolution;
4. Children who share a parent or parents through adoption or guardianship; and
5. Foster children awaiting permanent placement.

For the purposes hereof, "part-time basis" means living in a Greene County residents for 3 or more days during any school week.

Governing Board, Teacher or Employee: For the purposes herein, to facilitate the maintenance of a stable family unit within the same household, to further foster and facilitate an effective and productive home learning environment, and to support regular service to the school, it is the goal and policy of Lake Oconee Academy to define a member of the governing board of the charter school, a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee of LOA as follows:

An appointed and currently serving member of the Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

A full-time and currently serving teacher, certified and under written contract with LOA;

A full or part-time and currently serving teaching assistant working with and under a full-time teacher;

Administrative personnel, currently serving, holding a regular, full or part-time position, hired for the performance of professional, administrative, after school, or secretarial services;

Full-time and currently serving janitorial or maintenance staff;
Other employees, currently serving who hold regularly scheduled part-time jobs;
A full or part-time, and currently serving regularly-scheduled school nurse or other medical professional;

The following are not deemed to be employees of LOA:

Contractors or subcontractors;
Persons employed by the Greene County School District or other school districts which provide regular or intermittent services to LOA;
Substitute teachers
Volunteers
Other vendors or service providers

The student, once officially enrolled, may remain enrolled at LOA provided the student meets the standards set forth by the Lake Oconee Academy Code of Conduct and is otherwise eligible.

Upon separation of employment by the parent or guardian from Lake Oconee Academy, the established Enrollment Policies will govern the future enrollment of the student.

Students Matriculating From Associated Schools is defined as: Any child who matriculates from a local school designated in the Charter, and any child who matriculates from a pre-kindergarten program which is associated with LOA, including, but not limited to, programs which share common facilities or campuses with LOA or programs which have established a partnership or cooperative efforts with LOA.

The foregoing preferences will be available provided that there exists space in LOA for additional students and providing that admission of the applicant will not cause the maximum class size requirements to be exceeded.

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