



## **Democracy Prep Baton Rouge Lottery Procedures**

Democracy Prep Baton Rouge only holds a lottery when we have more applicants than seats available. When a family applies for a seat at Democracy Prep Public Schools, their application gets submitted into our applicant pool and the lottery randomly draws from all applicants for admission. To apply to Democracy Prep Baton Rouge the parent/ guardian must be a resident of the state of Louisiana and reside in East Baton Rouge Parish. The scholar should be between the ages of 5-18 before October 1st of the applying year. Duplicate applications are canceled during the application data clean up prior to the lottery.

These guidelines establish the following enrollment priorities and allowances (listed in order of priority):

1. Applicants with siblings attending DPBR during the upcoming school year
2. Applicants who are a child of a DPBR employee or board member
3. All remaining applicants

McKinney-Vento eligible scholars, including unaccompanied youth, scholars in foster care, and scholars in temporary housing, are enrolled outside of the lottery procedures. After the lottery is held, scholars not initially drawn from the lottery are placed on the waitlist. When a seat becomes available, a family will be called in the order of the school's waitlist. Our waitlist is based on the same preference criteria as our lottery. As families make the decision to admit their scholar into our schools, the siblings of newly admitted scholars advance within the waitlist. Families can apply at any point during the enrollment season. If a scholar is not selected from the waitlist, unfortunately, the application does not "rollover." The scholar must reapply for the following school year.