



## Open Enrollment Period Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Our Mission

To provide Twin Cities families with a proven, rigorous and content-rich curriculum integrated with sequential Spanish language instruction. The School will create a results-driven small learning community built around a culture of positive character development and committed parental involvement.

1. *When is the Open Enrollment Period for 2010-2011 school year?*  
Beacon Academy's Open Enrollment period is from September 8, 2009 to February 1, 2010. Starting in September, we will start accepting enrollment applications for grades K - 8.
2. *Will the students currently enrolled in Beacon Academy have priority?*  
Students who are currently enrolled at Beacon Academy will have priority in the enrollment process and are guaranteed a place in the class for the next school year. They will not need to re-apply unless they officially withdraw.
3. *During the Open Enrollment period, is it first come first served?*  
According to the charter school laws of the State of Minnesota, we must hold a random lottery for the available openings in the school if there are more applicants than openings for each grade level. The deadline for submitting an application eligible for lottery is February 1, 2010 at 4 pm. All applications received by the February 1, 2010 deadline will be equally considered. The lottery order also determines the order of our waiting lists. Applicants who are not accepted in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list and notified promptly if a space becomes available. For further detail, please see our Lottery Procedure and Enrollment Policy available on our website.
4. *Do enrolled student siblings or children of Beacon teachers have preference in the enrollment process?*  
Siblings and children of Beacon Academy teachers have preference in the enrollment process. If a student is currently enrolled in Beacon Academy, their sibling will have priority in the class in which they have made application before the deadline. If a teacher is currently employed with Beacon, their children will

have priority in the class in which they have made the application before the deadline.

5. *I have signed up my child for the 2009-2010 school year and they are currently on this year's waiting list. Do they have priority over the applications received in the 2010-2011 open enrollment period?*

No. Per Minnesota state statute, each year is a separate enrollment period. Those students on a waiting list for the 2009-2010 school year will have to submit a new application for the 2010-2011 school year. No consideration is given to their status in the previous enrollment period.

6. *Who can I contact for more information?*

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