Lottery Policy/Waiting List

Northwest Passage High School has the capacity for 184 full-time students. Specifically, there are 40 spots for 9th grade students, 128 spots 10th - 12th grade combined, and 20 spots for the Delta Program (18-21 year olds who have surpassed their graduation date) Students that enroll after the school has reached capacity for each grade section will be placed on a waiting list and contacted via phone and mail if/when an opening occurs in the order in which they applied.

The application period each school year begins on the first Monday of October and ends at 3:30 p.m. on the first Friday of April. When the application period has closed, all registration collected have an equal chance to be selected by lottery. However, current students and siblings, children and foster children of staff members, and foster children of parents/guardians with enrolled students have preference over the lottery.

When the application period closes, if there are more applications than openings, students will be selected by lottery on the second in April at 10:00 a.m. Students not selected in the lottery will be put on a waiting list according to their lottery number. If there are still openings after the lottery, students will be enrolled as applications are received. If additional applications are received after capacity has been reached a waiting list will be formed based upon the date a registration form is received.

If the school is full and a student is placed on the waiting list after the lottery, parents/guardians sign a "Waiting List Contract" indicating they would like their student to remain on the waiting list. Responses must be received within 3 weeks after the lottery date or students will lose their place.

If a student withdraws from NWPHS due to a required and necessary enrollment in a day or residential treatment program for mental health or alcohol/chemical use, NWPHS reserves the right to hold a space for the student. This does not, however, guarantee the student will be placed in their original advisory upon return.

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