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Overview

Seacoast Classical Academy is an open-enrollment no-tuition public school chartered by the NH State Board of Education. The Academy is committed to academic excellence and family rights. Admission is open to any scholar residing in the State of New Hampshire and wishing a classical education. The Board of Trustees shall set a non-resident tuition applicable to all enrolled scholars residing outside New Hampshire. The charter of the Academy sets an upper limit on the number of enrolled scholars in each grade. The Board of Trustees may set enrollment limits that are lower than the upper limits in the charter.

Recruiting

Seacoast Classical Academy will recruit broadly in the Seacoast area. The Academy will hold in-person recruiting events and may hold recruiting events also online, and by appointment if requested. The Academy will employ a website, email, and other means to distribute informational electronic content that recipients can share with others and post online. To reach more families, including those without internet access, the Academy will advertise in a local newspaper. At recruiting events, the Academy will provide information about our vision and mission, classical education, the Hillsdale K-12 curriculum, and policies and procedures. We will provide application assistance to interested families hindered by poverty, disability, language limitations, or homelessness.

Application

Families must submit a complete application for each scholar seeking enrollment. The Executive Director shall consider the proper grade placement of each applicant. All grade placements are subject to change by the Executive Director. Applications will be considered complete when confirmed in writing by the Executive Director. The Academy will ask, but not require, prospective families to attend a recruiting event. Application packets will be available online and in print at recruiting events. The application will require agreement to the Academy's mission. The application time will span November 1 to February 15. The Board of Trustees may change these dates. After the application due date, the Academy will accept applications on a rolling basis.

The Executive Director shall decline any application that does not conform to the Academy's age-of-entrance requirements. A scholar may enter Kindergarten if the scholar's chronological age will be five (5) on, or before, September 30th of the year of entrance. A scholar may enter Grade 1 if the scholar's chronological age will be six (6) on, or before, September 30th of the year of entrance.

Lottery

If in any grade there are more timely complete applications than the number of available places, admission will be offered according to a blind lottery for that grade. The lottery will be held within 30 days of the application due date. Each timely applicant will have one entry in the respective grade lottery. Grade lotteries will be conducted in order from lowest to the highest grade. The following exemptions from each grade-lottery will apply on a space-available basis, and in the following order:

1. NH-resident siblings of scholars who are currently enrolled;
2. NH-resident siblings of scholars who applied for admission to a grade that is not subject to a lottery;
3. NH-resident siblings of scholars offered admission in a lower grade, including by lottery draw;
4. Up to 5 (first-come basis) NH-resident children of current employees of Seacoast Classical Academy;
5. Up to 5 (first-come basis) NH-resident children of founders of Seacoast Classical Academy.

All NH-resident non-exempt applicants will be placed in an order by a blind grade-lottery. This order will be used to offer admission to the remaining places in the grade. The supernumerary applicants will be placed, in lottery order, in a grade waitlist. After NH-resident applicants have been either admitted or placed in a waitlist, non-resident applicants will be considered similarly. All applicants will receive written notice of their admission status.

Enrollment

Enrolled scholars will be offered continued enrollment, which can be reserved by returning a signed commitment letter by the application due date. Unenrolled scholars who wish to re-enroll must reapply for admission.

To enroll a scholar offered admission, the family must return, by a specified date, a signed commitment letter with all information—including, among other information, a copy of a birth certificate, and proof of New Hampshire residency if claiming residency—required for enrollment. Informational and social events will support the transition of newly enrolled scholars and families to the Academy.

References:

- NH RSA 193:1, I and II
- Charter of Seacoast Classical Academy Chartered Public School

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