



Movement School Eastland Admissions Policy

Movement School Eastland's application period will open and close on the dates and times listed on the school's website at www.movementschool.com. Applications will be available online and in hard copy at the school office.

If the number of applications exceeds available seats, a public lottery will be held in accordance with all NC charter school laws. Movement will use SchoolMint or an equivalent automated enrollment software system to execute the randomized lottery.

Prior to the lottery, applications will be reviewed for completeness and verified for a valid NC address. Each completed application will be entered into the automated enrollment software database. During the lottery, names will be selected at random, by grade, with spots offered in the order of names selected. When the capacity for each grade level is reached, the remaining applications are assigned a position on our waiting list in a randomized order. Only applications completed before the deadline will participate in the Lottery.

Lottery Priorities

As permitted by NC charter school laws, Movement School East will give admissions priority in the following ways:

- 1. Employees/Board Members**

Movement Schools will give admissions priority to current full-time employees and board members. If the number of applicants in this groups exceeds the available seats, a separate preference group lottery will be held.

- 2. Siblings**

Movement Schools believe in the importance of family members learning together within the same school community. We will give admissions priority to siblings of current students. If the number of applicants in this group exceeds the available seats, a separate preference lottery will be held.

- 3. Economic Diversity**

Movement School Eastland is committed to providing high quality academic and character education within an economically diverse school community. We seek to reflect the economic diversity of East Charlotte and, more broadly, Mecklenburg County. Pursuant to statute NC 115C-218.45 (g1) and (h), we will use an optional weighted lottery to help us build this economic diversity.

A student who opts into Movement School Eastland's weighted lottery may be given a statistically higher chance of being selected through a random, general lottery to maximize the likelihood of achieving a student population of 60% economically disadvantaged and 40% who are not. Movement School Eastland defines economically disadvantaged as students whose families qualify for the National School Lunch Program, SNAP, TANF, WIC, Medicaid, or FDPIR.

During the application process, every family is given the chance to opt into the weighted lottery by providing basic economic information for their household. If a family is selected for enrollment through the weighted lottery, they must complete a verification form. Failure to complete the form will result in a call offering assistance and then, if the family is still unable to provide the form, the application will be returned to the general wait list.

Once a student is enrolled at a Movement School, families do not have to re-enroll each year; however they must submit an "Intent to Return" form so Movement Schools administrators can plan accordingly. Any applicant on the waitlist from the previous year, must resubmit an application and participate in the lottery again.

All students admitted through the lottery or from the waitlist will receive notification via email, text, and/or phone call to notify them of the admissions decision. Families must complete and return the Student Registration Packet and supporting documentation within the time frame stated in the admission offer in order to secure their seat(s) at Movement School. If not submitted in time, their seat(s) may be forfeited to the next applicant(s) on the waitlist.

Families must contact the school and receive approval for an absence on the first day of school. Movement Schools will contact the families of any student(s) who do(es) not attend the first day of school. After the third day of school and after the documented attempts to contact the absent student's parents, including emails, phone calls, and/or a home visit, the school director is authorized to remove the student from the enrollment roster and offer that slot to the next student on the waiting list.

Movement will admit, and/or place in the lottery, any student who completes the application prior to the deadline. Notwithstanding any recent law to the contrary, Movement may refuse admission to any student who has been expelled or suspended from a public school until the period of suspension or expulsion has expired.