



ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT POLICY

California

Rocketship schools are free, open-enrollment public schools for California children who meet our age and residence requirements, as further described below. This policy covers our admissions assurances; procedures for applications, lottery, and wait list; and registration process, including age and residency requirements.

I. Admissions Assurances

Rocketship shall not administer any test or assessment to students prior to acceptance and enrollment into Rocketship. Rocketship will not limit enrollment on the basis of a student's race, color, religion, national origin, language spoken, intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or status as a student with special needs.

II. Application and Public Random Drawing

Rocketship will accept applications during a publicly-advertised open application period each year for enrollment in the following school year. Following the open application period each year, applications will be counted to determine whether any grade level has received more applications than availability.

In this event that this occurs, each Rocketship school in California will hold a public random drawing to determine enrollment for the impacted grade level, with the exception of existing students, who are guaranteed enrollment in the following school year.

Enrollment preferences in the case of a public random drawing depend on the type of charter that each school holds and will be determined in accordance with the school's charter. For a list of each school's current admissions preferences, please see Appendix A.

Students qualifying for more than one preference group will be considered part of the highest preference in which they qualify.

The Rocketship application will include all Rocketship schools in California. Families are asked to select the particular Rocketship schools in which they are interested, and then rank those selections in order of preference.

III. Wait List

At the conclusion of the public random drawing, Rocketship will notify the families of all applicants to inform them of their acceptance status. All students who were not granted admission due to capacity will be given the option to put their name on a wait list in the order according to their draw in the public random drawing. This wait list will allow students the option of enrollment in the case of an opening during the school year. Students will be placed on the wait lists for all schools that they ranked in their Rocketship application. Once on the wait list, the student will remain until he/she is offered a spot in the school or the parent/guardian confirms in writing that the student no longer wishes to remain on the wait list. The wait list will not carry over from year to year.

If families from the wait list are offered a position, they must accept that position within two weeks. If a family declines or fails to respond within two weeks from the date of the offer, the child may be removed from the wait list or placed at the bottom of the wait list. Once a student accepts an offer, he/she will be removed from any wait lists of Rocketship schools that he/she ranked lower during the application process.

If a former Rocketship student who is withdrawn from a school seeks to re-enroll in the same school, and that school is at capacity for the student's grade level, that student shall be added to the wait list in the same manner as any other student seeking enrollment.

IV. Enrollment

During the application process, parents are expected to correctly identify their child's age and grade level in both the current (where applicable) and upcoming school year. Upon acceptance to Rocketship, all students will be enrolled in the next consecutive grade level that follows their current grade level. Students will be admitted to Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and first grade only in accordance with the statutory age requirements described below in this policy. Schools will typically not make any retention or promotion decisions during the enrollment process. Parents are not permitted to unilaterally make any retention or promotion decisions for their child during the application process.

A student who has been expelled from another educational institution may be admitted to a Rocketship school in the discretion of the school Principal on a case-by-case basis, as further described in Rocketship's Suspension and Expulsion Policy.

No student may concurrently attend a private school that charges the student's family for tuition.

V. Registration Process

Upon selection for admission pursuant to public random drawing, the registration process will include the following:

- Proof of Immunization;
- Home Language Survey;
- Completion of Emergency Medical Information Form
- Proof of minimum age requirements (i.e. birth certificate), further described below;
- Proof of residency in the State of California (i.e. driver's license, copy of a lease, utility

bill showing address of residence). .

Rocketship feels strongly that success for students requires a commitment, from both students and parents, to the school's mission and vision. During the registration process, all parents/guardians will be asked to sign a commitment letter indicating that they understand Rocketship philosophy, program, and volunteer policies. Students will not be denied admission or dis-enrolled for a parent/guardian's failure to sign the commitment letter.

VI. Age Requirements

Pursuant to Ed Code § 48000(a), all students entering kindergarten at Rocketship must be five years of age on or before September 1st of the current school year. All students entering Transitional Kindergarten must have their fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 of the current school year. In limited circumstances, exceptions may be made, but only in accordance with Rocketship's Early Admittance to Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten Policy. Students shall not attend more than two years of a combination of Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

All students must be at least age six by September 1 of the school year in which he/she seeks enrollment in first grade, with limited exceptions in accordance with California law.

VII. Student Withdrawals

In accordance with Ed Code § 47605(d)(3), if a student is expelled or leaves Rocketship without completing the school year for any reason, Rocketship will notify the superintendent of the school district of the student's last known address within 30 days. Upon request, Rocketship will also provide that school district with a copy of the student's cumulative record, including a transcript of grades and health information.

Note that some Rocketship schools in California may also be required to notify the charter authorizer under the existing MOU.

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Appendix A – Admissions Preferences at Rocketship California Schools

47605 (District) charters

Rocketship Mateo Sheedy

1. Siblings of RMS students
2. Children of the paid staff of RMS (not to exceed 10%)
3. Residents of the San Jose Unified School District
4. Other California residents

Rocketship Si Se Puede

1. Siblings of RSSP students
2. Children of the paid staff of RSSP (not to exceed 10%)
3. Residents of the Alum Rock Union School District
4. Other California residents

Rocketship Rising Stars

1. Siblings of RRS students
2. Children of the paid staff of RRS (not to exceed 10%)
3. Residents of the Franklin McKinley School District
4. Other California residents

Rocketship Mosaic

1. Siblings of ROMO students
2. Children of the paid staff of ROMO (not to exceed 10%)
3. Residents of the Franklin McKinley School District
4. Other California residents

Rocketship Spark

1. Siblings of RSK students
2. Children of the paid staff of RSK (not to exceed 10%)

3. Residents of the Franklin McKinley School District
4. Other California residents

Rocketship Redwood City

1. Siblings of RRWC students
2. Children of the paid staff of RRWC (not to exceed 10%)
3. Residents of the Redwood City School District
4. Other California residents

Rocketship Futuro

1. Residents of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District
2. Siblings of RFA students
3. Children of the paid staff of RFA (not to exceed 10%)
4. Other California residents

47605.6 (Countywide) charters

Rocketship Los Suenos, Rocketship Discovery Prep, Rocketship Brilliant Minds, Rocketship Alma, Rocketship Fuerza

1. Siblings of students at the school
2. Children of the paid staff of the school (not to exceed 10%)
3. Residents of Santa Clara County
4. Other California residents