Arts Academy in the Woods Admissions Policies

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the next academic year always begins on the first school day in October and concludes at 3:00 pm on the last Wednesday of May. If the last Wednesday of May is not a school day, open enrollment will close at 3:00 pm on the next school day.
Following the close of open enrollment, if the number of applications exceeds the number of open seats, a random selection lottery pursuant to the procedures described herein, determines acceptance. If the number of applications does not exceed the number of open seats, all applicants are accepted for their respective grades.

Lottery

The date, time, and place of the lottery are posted to the school master calendar. Lotteries will be held for any grade in which the number of completed applications exceeds the number of openings. Names are randomly selected, by priority grouping, and applicants are accepted based on the order in which they are selected. The lottery continues until all names are drawn. Applicants who are not accepted will be placed on a waiting list in the order their names were drawn. The lottery will begin with the lowest grade level and continue to the highest grade level.

Priority Group Preferences

The order of priority in which spaces for each grade will be filled will be as follows:

Priority Group #1

Students enrolled for the current school year that fill out a re-enrollment form by the close of open enrollment.

Priority Group #2

Siblings of currently enrolled students will be given enrollment priority if an enrollment application package for each sibling is completed and returned on or before the close of open enrollment. This preference is not available to applications received after open enrollment has closed.

The child (or children) of a person employed at Arts Academy in the Woods and the child (or children) of a seated Arts Academy in the Woods Board of Directors member will be given enrollment priority if an enrollment application package for each child is completed and returned on or before the open enrollment deadline. This preference is not available to applications received after open enrollment has closed.

For the purposes of enrollment priority, a parent's children, step-children, adopted children, foster children, and same household children, in which a parent or guardian resides, are all considered to be siblings.

If space is not available in any grade level for this priority group, a separate lottery will be performed to determine the order of the offspring and sibling wait list.

Priority Group #3

If the number of applicants with completed applications for a grade is less than or equal to the number of spaces available for that grade as of the close of open enrollment, all new applicants for that grade are accepted and are enrolled without necessitating a lottery drawing for admissions.

Priority Group #4

Siblings of newly-enrolled students. When, at the close of open enrollment or during the lottery process, one sibling is validly accepted into a grade that is not oversubscribed, or is accepted by lottery, any of that child's siblings who have timely completed applications may enroll if space is available in their respective grades. If space is not available, they advance to the sibling wait list. This preference is not available to applications received after open enrollment has closed.

Priority Group #5

All remaining applicants. If there are more applicants than spaces available, a random selection lottery will be used to determine the order of those enrolled and wait listed. This preference is not available to applications completed after open enrollment has closed.

Priority Group #6

Applicants after the close of open enrollment. For grades that are not oversubscribed at the end of open enrollment, applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the grade is full, at which time further applicants will be placed on a wait list. For each grade with a wait list, all applications received will be placed on the wait list. Siblings and children of AAW employees will be placed at the top of the wait list above non-sibling, non-employee applicants who also applied after the close of open enrollment, but not above any student who applied during open enrollment.

Foreign Exchange Students

Foreign Exchange students must follow the same enrollment process as detailed in the Admissions Policy. Please understand that Arts Academy in the Woods is unable to accept Foreign Exchange students who are citizens of the United States that do not reside in Michigan.

Admission Package

A completed application package is required prior to the close of open enrollment for the student to be eligible for admission at that time. Applicants are required to fully complete all required enrollment materials and provide all necessary information. This includes, but may not be limited to: a completed enrollment application form, birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of current grade level – via 8th grade report card for incoming freshmen, transcript for incoming 10th – 12th graders or documentation that is individually determined for homeschool students. Admission is conditional: making an omission of a material fact or a false statement in enrollment application materials may be sufficient cause for denying an applicant consideration for enrollment or for expulsion after enrollment.

PREPARE FOR POSSIBILITY

Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Traditional and Digital Visual Art, Creative Writing, and Acting are a part of every student's schedule – ART EVERY DAY. Our extensive arts program is integrated into our solid academic curriculum. The Arts Academy in the Woods is chartered by the Macomb Intermediate School District's Board of Education

Priority Enrollment for Art Area

During the application process, students will be required to prioritize their interest in Art Area offerings. Students will be assigned to an Art Area by one of two methods. In the case of a lottery, Art Areas will be filled according to the student's priority list in the order in which the names are drawn. If a preferred Art Area is filled, the student will be assigned to their next area of interest. If no lottery is necessary, the same process will be followed, but in the order in which completed application packages were received. Every effort will be made to provide all students with their preferred Art Area and where possible adjustments will be made during the school year. However, in some cases students may be in their second or third priority Art Area during their first year. In subsequent years, as a returning student in the Priority Group #1 category, the top priority art will be available.

Compliance with Code of Conduct

All students and prospective students must abide by the Arts Academy in the Woods Student Code of Conduct and are subject to disciplinary action for violations thereof, up to and including expulsion. A prospective student is subject to the all school policies, practices and procedures (and consequences for violations), even before their first day of class.

Equal Educational Opportunity

Arts Academy in the Woods does not charge tuition and does not discriminate in its pupil admissions policies or practices on the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a handicapped person, or any other basis not permitted by Michigan's public schools. [Some testing may be required to determine the proper placement in a subject. Such tests are administered after a student has been accepted for admission