

Montgomery Education Foundation

ENROLLMENT/ LOTTERY POLICY

Davis Elementary School
Nixon Elementary School
Bellingrath Middle School

Enrollment.

(a) Enrollment in the School shall be open to all students in grades as set forth in the Enrollment Plan who are residents of the State of Alabama. Montgomery Education Foundation's recruitment, admissions, and enrollment policies for the School are subject to all federal and state law and constitutional provisions that prohibit discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, income level, disability, proficiency in the English language, or academic or athletic ability. Montgomery Education Foundation (MEF) shall not limit student admissions in any manner in which a public school in the State of Alabama is not permitted to limit student admissions.

(b) Each year, the school will conduct an enrollment process by which a student indicates his/her intent to enroll. Students with proof of address in the School's residency zone are guaranteed enrollment. Students with addresses outside the zone must complete an application. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats not held by zoned students, as dictated by capacity and reserving 20 spots for students who may enter the school zone, new students will be selected via lottery in accordance with the Alabama School Choice and Opportunity Act (Alabama Code § 16-6F-5) at a public meeting. Maximum enrollment will not be reduced to limit participation of zoned students. Priority ranking for applicants in the event a lottery is needed and as described in the law is as follows:

- Proof of address in the school zone – guaranteed admission
- Proof of address outside the school zone but within Montgomery County – next priority
- Proof of address elsewhere in the state of Alabama – last priority

Applications will be accepted online and accommodations will be made for paper submissions. Translation services, if necessary, will be provided. After the enrollment process is completed, a wait list will be created and will be utilized in the event the school chooses to add additional students during the year. There is one exception to the waitlist – students who may move into the zone after the application and lottery deadlines or during an existing school year and have proof of address in the zone will have the opportunity to enroll immediately.