

ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Attleboro, Massachusetts

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FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM LOTTERY PROCEDURE

The Attleboro Public Schools recognizes the need to create an equitable opportunity for all kindergarten students, while also recognizing the need to represent the city's vast diversity in its classroom makeup. To achieve an equitable composition of students in full-day kindergarten classrooms, the Attleboro Public Schools will conduct a lottery at each elementary school on an annual basis according to the following guidelines.

General Procedures

At the time of the lottery, students must meet the entrance and residence criteria established by School Committee policy. Students may only participate in the lottery for their *assigned school*. The lottery is conducted in early spring for student placement in the following September. Parents will be notified by May 1 of their child's placement in either the full-day or half-day program.

Lottery Procedures

Attleboro Public Schools will conduct the lottery for each elementary school on the same day at the same time in the same location. Lottery teams, comprised of the Principal, classroom teacher from the Instructional Leadership Team or School Council, a parent from the Parent Teacher Organization or School Council, and a Central Office Administrator, will be formed from each school. Lottery team members will be present during the entire time of the lottery process. Members of the lottery team may not have a relative or friend whose child is participating in the lottery process. Lottery team members will hold confidential the outcome of the student selection lottery.

Eligible siblings will be given the same lottery number. Thus if one child is selected in the lottery process, the other sibling(s) will also be considered selected. The composition for each full day kindergarten class will reflect the same composition as the total number of students registered for kindergarten at the time of the lottery. Class composition will be balanced by gender, low income, and special education status. Students who will participate in the full-day English Language Learner (ELL) kindergarten program and those in self-contained special education programs will not be included in the lottery process. If the decision is made to retain a student in kindergarten, that student may participate in the lottery in his/her assigned school.

Lottery Communication

Parents will be notified in writing by letter of their child's placement in either the half-day or full-day program. Any student included in the lottery who did not place in the full-day program will be assigned a *wait list number*. Students on the wait list will be moved into the full-day program according to their wait list number if seats become available in their assigned school through withdrawals. Students who register after the lottery is held will be added to the wait list in the order in which they enroll.

EXHIBIT APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE - MARCH 10, 2008