Maple Grove Admission and Lottery Procedures

Maple Grove Admissions and Lottery procedures are regularly reviewed and voted upon by the Maple Grove Governance Board.

1. Admissions

A. The primary requirement for admission to the Charter School is the timely submission of an application. Application is open to all students who reside in the District or are eligible for enrollment in the District via Wis. Stat. §§ 118.51, 118.52 or 118.53, with District students given preference.

B. Parents will enroll their children through an electronic registration form. A parent/guardian is encouraged to attend at least one informational meeting and visit the school in order to assure an understanding of the mission, philosophy, and approach of the school.

C. The Governance Board will set the enrollment limits by December 1 of the calendar year prior to the following school year. If more applications are received than places are available, a lottery will determine enrollment and waiting list order.

D. Students may enroll and attend Maple Grove Charter during the school year as space permits in accordance with these guidelines until the end of September. Prior to such enrollment, the student's family must have a conference with the teachers, who will explain the teaching philosophy.

E. The Charter School will give preference to students enrolled in the Charter School in previous years and siblings of students who are enrolled in the Charter School.

F. The Charter School may give preference to the children of the Charter School's founders, Governance Board members and full-time employees (provided the total number of children given preference does not constitute more than ten percent (10%) of the Charter School's total enrollment).

G. The open enrollment period for the State of Wisconsin is open from February 2 through April 30, 2026. To enroll, go to https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment.If you have further questions about the School District of Athens, our activities, or our academic programming, please contact our district office at (715) 257-7511.

H. Once a student is accepted into Maple Grove Charter School he/she will automatically be enrolled from year to year. He/she does not have to go through the lottery process each year. A student who withdraws and later wishes to enroll again will need to reapply and will have no priority over students applying for the first time.

Lottery Process

A. If the number of enrollment applications exceeds the enrollment limits, the Charter School will select students on a random lottery basis.
B. A special Governance Board meeting will be scheduled to conduct the lottery at the end of the District's online registration window closes.
C. The lottery will involve randomly selecting student names from a container that includes the names of all eligible applicants. The random lottery shall be conducted by the Secretary of the Charter School Governance Board as soon as possible subsequent to the application deadline and upon ascertaining that more applications are received than places are available.
D. Students will be written down in the order they are drawn until the maximum is reached. Numbers will then be drawn to form a waiting list.
E. The Maple Grove Governance Board establishes the Charter School enrollment by December 1.
F. Once names have been drawn, Maple Grove Charter School will have 48 hours to notify families via phone and/or email of acceptance.
G. We abide by all DPI Important Open Enrollment Dates, as posted on https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment.