

## **BCS Enrollment Lottery & Admissions Processes/Procedures**

California Education Code and our charter with the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) govern the enrollment procedures. Bullis Charter School (BCS) accepts applications for any student residing in California and there is no application fee.

If there are more applications than spots for a specific grade level, then enrollment is determined by a public random drawing, also known as "the lottery", that is held following the close of the Open Enrollment period. SCCOE authorized enrollment preferences for this public lottery are applied based on the following hierarchy within each grade level:

- 1) Siblings of current BCS students who reside within the boundaries of the Los Altos School District.
- 2) Children who qualify for free or reduced priced meals and reside within the boundaries of the Los Altos School District, limited to 10% of the total openings at each grade level.
- 3) Children of BCS staff members who reside within the boundaries of the Los Altos School District.
- 4) Children who reside within the boundaries of the Los Altos School District.
- 5) Siblings of current BCS students who reside outside of the boundaries of the Los Altos School District.
- 6) Children of BCS staff members who reside outside of the boundaries of the Los Altos School District.
- 7) Children who qualify for free or reduced priced meals who reside outside the boundaries of the Los Altos School District but within California.
- 8) All other applicants who reside within California.

The lottery is usually held on a Saturday morning following the close of the Open Enrollment period. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the event was held virtually via Zoom webinar. While parents who submit enrollment packets are invited to attend (sent the link via email), attendance at the event is not required in order for their child(ren) to be entered into the lottery. Lottery results are emailed to all who submitted enrollment packets. *The lottery for the 2025-2026 school year will be held on March 15, 2025.* 

BCS offers equal access to applicants through our enrollment lottery regardless of their actual or perceived disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of a hate crime or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics. Additionally, BCS offers a comprehensive education program that is committed to meeting the needs of all students regardless of ability level or learning needs including but not limited to: Special Education, Gifted and Talented, and English Language Learners.