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Admissions & Lottery Process

Admissions, Lottery (Public Random Drawing) and Withdrawal Process

America's Finest Charter School is open to **all** students who meet the minimum age requirements and reside within the boundaries of the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) and other local districts.

The open enrollment period for the 2026-2027 academic year will begin December 2, 2025, and end March 21, 2026. Parents/guardians interested in having their children attend AFCS in 2026-2027 must submit a separate online Lottery Application for each child. No paper application is available.

The online application for the 2026-2027 school year can be accessed here:

https://americasfinestcharterschool.aeries.net/enrollment/

For the 2026-2027 school year, families can also access online enrollment here:https://americasfinestcharterschool.aeries.net/enrollment/

If the number of new students who wish to attend AFCS exceeds available spots, admission will be determined by a lottery (random computer draw) with preference given to children of AFCS staff, siblings of currently enrolled AFCS students, and children who reside within the
boundaries of SDUSD. The lottery will occur within 30 calendar days of the last day of the open enrollment period. The lottery will take place at AFCS at 730 45th St., San Diego, California 92102.

A community member who is not employed by AFCS and does not have children enrolled at AFCS will be selected to conduct the lottery. A unique identification number may be assigned to each child's name so that the waiting list can be displayed. During the lottery, the Charter School will announce the number of openings available at each grade level. The

lottery shall continue until all of the identification numbers are drawn. The identification numbers drawn after open spaces are filled will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn.

As space becomes available, the parent listed on the Lottery Application will be contacted in the order of the waiting list. The parent will be given 24 hours to indicate an intention to enroll. If the parent fails to respond or is no longer interested, the parent of the next child on the waiting list will be contacted. The waiting list is terminated annually.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at AFCS. However, AFCS does not require parental volunteer hours as a criterion for admission or continued enrollment.

Final offers of admission will be granted upon completion of an in-person registration meeting and submission of all necessary documents, including the child's immunization records.
California Education Code (EC) Section 47605(e)(4) allows a parent or guardian to submit a complaint to the charter school authorizer when a charter school discourages a pupil's enrollment, requires records before enrollment, or encourages a pupil to disenroll. Please identify the basis for this complaint on the form below, with specific facts, which support your complaint.

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Education Code § 47605(e)(4)

Charter School Notice and Form

California Education Code Requirements

California Education Code (EC) Section 47605(e)(4) (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=47605&lawCode=EDC) states the following:

- A charter school shall not discourage a pupil from enrolling or seeking to enroll in a charter school for any reason, including, but not limited to, academic performance of the pupil or because the pupil exhibits any of the following characteristics:
- Academically low-achieving
- Economically disadvantaged (determined by eligibility for any free or reduced price meal program)
- English learner
- Ethnicity
- Foster youth
- Homeless
- Nationality
- Neglected or delinquent

■ Race
■ Sexual orientation
■ Pupils with disabilities
■ A charter school shall not request a pupil's records or require the parent, guardian, or pupil to submit
the pupil's records to the charter school before enrollment.
■ A charter school shall not encourage a pupil currently attending the charter school to disenroll from
the charter school or transfer to another school for any reason (except for suspension or expulsion).
■ This notice shall be posted on a charter school's Internet website and a charter school will provide
copies of this notice (1) when a parent, guardian, or pupil inquires about enrollment; (2) before
conducting an enrollment lottery, and (3) before disenrollment of a pupil.

Complaint Procedures

In order to submit a complaint, complete the Charter School Complaint Form and submit the form to the charter school authorizer, electronically or in hard copy, to the following location:

San Diego Unified School District
4100 Normal Street, Annex 15
San Diego, CA 92103
Main Office - 619-725-7107
Email Information: charteroffice@sandi.net

Charter School Complaint Form

Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Date of Problem:

Phone Number:

Charter School (include address):
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Basis of complaint (check all that apply):
____Pupil was discouraged from enrolling or seeking to enroll in the charter school.

____Records were requested to be submitted to the charter school before enrollment.

____Pupil was encouraged to disenroll from the charter school or transfer to another school.

Please provide further details:

Please file this complaint with the authorizer of the charter school listed on the preceding page electronically or in hard copy.