

SCHOOL OF INNOVATION HIGH SCHOOL LOTTERY PROCESS

Incoming Ninth Graders for 2019-2020

The School of Innovation engages students and teachers in innovative approaches to problem-solving with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students receive instruction in all content areas, as well as offer electives in STEM-centered subjects, and much of the content is presented through a trans-disciplinary approach. The students participate in flexible grouping depending upon their skills, interests and the units of instruction. Once students reach the middle and high school grades, they may return to their home school for sports. The School of Innovation, also referred to as SOI, serves as a model learning environment for other schools in our district, the county, the state and the nation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THIS LOTTERY?

Current grade 8 students (students who are in grade 8 for the 2018-2019 school year) may enter the lottery for the 2019-2020 ninth grade class. Students in any other grade level are not eligible. There are 75 students per grade level.

Only Willoughby-Eastlake City School District *residents* may apply. We do not accept open enrollment from other districts. Residency will be verified.

Siblings of current SOI students are not automatically accepted. Each student must apply separately.

If a district employee does not reside in the district, their children are not eligible.

HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL?

There is a limit of 75 students in each grade level. The number of lottery spots available depends upon how many students are moving up from SOI grade 8 to the SOI High School. For example, if 55 students are enrolled, then there will be 20 spots available for lottery recipients.

If more students apply than there are available spots, then a waiting list will be developed. For example, if 100 students apply and there are 30 spots available, the other 70 students will be placed on a waiting list. If a student withdraws, we will contact the first person on the waiting list. If that person doesn't accept, we continue contacting parents in order until the spot is filled. See section below for more information regarding the lottery process.

LOTTERY TIMELINE

A timeline has been established for the lottery process.

May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.	Parent Information Night at SOI – Join us to learn more about the School of Innovation and the lottery process.
May 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.	Online Application Opens for the Lottery (A link will be posted on the website and emailed to parents of eighth graders.)
May 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.	Online Application Closes for the Lottery
May 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.	Lottery Drawing at the School of Innovation (families do <i>not</i> need to attend)
Week of May 27, 2019	Families will be contacted, in order of the lottery drawing, to accept/decline invitation. If more students apply than can be accepted, a wait list will be created.

WHAT DO I NEED FOR THE LOTTERY APPLICATION?

The Lottery Application is online. It will be available via a link to the Google application form on the School of Innovation website on May 15. You will need the following information in order to enter your current eighth grader in the lottery. If you do not have access to a computer for the online application, you can submit a paper application (available at the Board of Education or from a middle school office).

- Last name of student
- First name of student
- Student ID (The student ID can be located on your child’s report card or in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This is the same number your child uses as their Lunch ID. If you cannot locate their number, please contact the secretary at your child’s current school). If your child is a private school student, please email gina.kevern@weschools.org and request a temporary ID number for the lottery process.
- Gender
- Current School
- Grade of Student for the 2019-2020 school year
- Parent/Guardian Last Name
- Parent/Guardian First Name
- Parent/Guardian Street Address, City and Zip Code
- Parent/Guardian Email Address
- Parent/Guardian Primary and Secondary Phone Numbers

HOW DOES THE LOTTERY PROCESS WORK?

Students are entered into the lottery using their district student ID number. The student ID numbers are entered into a computer program. The computer program randomly chooses the numbers. For example, if there are 100 applicants, the computer program will randomly pull student ID numbers one at a time until all 100 numbers have been pulled. The order in which they are generated determines the child's spot in the lottery. If there are 30 spots available in the ninth grade class, the first 30 student ID numbers pulled in order will be assigned a number, A1, A2, A3, etc. until we have numbers pulled for A1 – A30. "A" stands for "Accepted." Those students will be issued a letter of invitation to attend SOI. After the first 30 numbers are generated, the computer will randomly pull the remaining numbers which will be designated W1, W2, W3, etc. until all numbers have been pulled and the waitlist includes W1 – W70. "W" stands for "Waitlist." The waitlist is always posted on the SOI website so parents can keep track of where their student is on the waitlist by their student ID number.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact:

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