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## **2022-2023 New Enrollment Information**

### **Admissions Criteria**

Boreal Sun Charter School (BSCS) is a free charter school of choice, and will not discriminate against students for any reason in its education programs or activities, including its admissions policies, or procedures as defined in FNSBSD Policy 1011.

Boreal Sun welcomes students whose families are willing to make a commitment to follow the expectations outlined at our informational meetings, on our website, and on our Family Commitments Form, which is part of the application. Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old on or before September 1st.

### **Admissions Procedures for January 20th --March 31, 2022**

BSCS encourages prospective families to familiarize and commit to our school's philosophy before applying. In order to aid in this process the following steps are required for application:

**Step 1**—Attend an Informational Meeting and research Public Waldorf Education

All informational Meetings will be held at Boreal Sun Charter School or via Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/j/96447592011?pwd=a2tkaGdLU3NNT3hId2RhU0ZybkrMrUT09>

Meeting ID: 964 4759 2011 Passcode: 148Vv0

Informational Meetings will be held on the following dates:

**Thursday, January 20th at 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 12th at 3 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 9th at 6 p.m.**

\*In the event that attending an informational meeting is not possible, for example, in the case of a military or other family preparing to move into the area, a proxy may attend in place of a parent or guardian. Please call or email the school in advance to establish this proxy.

**Step 2**—Fill out an Application for Admission by March 31<sup>st</sup> (available at Informational Meetings)

### **Selection Process**

All students living within the Fairbanks North Star Borough are eligible and encouraged to apply to BSCS. In the event that the number of applicants received exceeds the number of class spaces available, a lottery will be held to determine placement.

### **Lottery**

If the number of applicants exceeds the school's capacity, enrollment shall be determined by a lottery (a random drawing). Students not placed through the lottery will be put on a waitlist for openings that become available in their grade. The lottery is open to the public and will be held **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. The results will be witnessed and parents will be notified of the results. BSCS commits to making the lottery and enrollment procedures and practices fair and transparent.

If a family participates in the lottery and is not drawn for a spot during one school year, but remains interested in enrollment for the next school year, a new application must be completed the following spring. Waitlists do not carry over from year to year.

Any applications received after the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline will be stamped with the date and time, and set aside for consideration in order of receipt, after the lottery has been held. These students will either be added to the waitlist for their grade, or will be able to enroll in their grade if there is space available, but only after an orientation has been completed. This orientation may take the form of a meeting with the Head Teacher. During the school year, it may include a tour or classroom visit during school hours.

### **Lottery Process**

**The following steps will be taken to insure viable classes, as well as a fair process, in the event that there are more applicants than spaces available.**

1. All grades that are not over capacity are filled with applicants for that grade.
2. Siblings of the above students are placed into their appropriate grade(s), or added to the waitlist for that grade. In the event of multiple siblings on the waitlist for the same grade, the waitlist order is determined by the order of enrollment in the school (first come, first served).
3. The waitlist order is determined by drawing family names. Once a family name is drawn, all children in that family are placed on the waitlist in their respective grade/class.
4. When a class is full, students will continue being drawn and be placed on the waitlist in the order they are drawn. When a student is placed on the waitlist,

his or her siblings will be entered into their class if it is still open, or placed next in line at the head of the waitlist for their class if it is full. Each class will remain gender balanced to no more than 55% of one gender. If a class has openings but the class has already reached its male gender ratio, then only girl applicants will be entered into the class. Any male applicants would go on the waitlist in the order in which they were drawn. This would also be the case if a class has reached the female ratio.

5. The morning after the lottery, students who have placement will receive an email with an opportunity to "Accept Placement", as well as further information on enrollment. Students who have been placed on the waitlist will be informed of the placement.

### **Enrollment Preferences**

The following shall be given preference for admission to the school in the event a lottery becomes necessary:

-Children of staff of the school

-Siblings of students currently enrolled in the school - Siblings are defined as any two or more students who share a legal parent/guardian. If a class is already full, siblings will move to the top of the waitlist for that class.

-Children whose family lives within the defined neighborhood of Boreal Sun Charter School

### **Neighborhood Preference**

Enrollment preference allows neighborhood families to be offered placement before the general lottery applicants are drawn. If there are no openings in the neighborhood child's grade level, the child will be placed on the waitlist before general lottery children.

The neighborhood defined for neighborhood preference is the residences within Lathrop St. to the West; 21st Ave. to the North; S. Cushman to East, and the Mitchell Expressway/Richardson Highway to the South.

### **Enrollment Policy - Withdrawals**

If a family chooses to withdraw a child from BSCS, that child will no longer have sibling school priority for enrollment should the family want to re-enroll the student in the future. Removing the priority enrollment status for a child who has been withdrawn does not disallow their inclusion in the lottery and potential reenrollment. It simply removes the priority status. The child could still be re-admitted through the regular lottery process.

### **Kindergarten Retention and Enrollment Policy**

In the fall of each year the Kindergarten teacher will meet with the Kindergarten parents to go over 1st grade readiness. This will include 1<sup>st</sup> grade readiness skills that the teachers will be looking for in students over the course of the Kindergarten year. The Waldorf approach looks at students as individuals who are on their own developmental schedule. As such, both academic skills and student readiness are considered when recommending promotion from Kindergarten to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

If a recommendation for retention is made by the Kindergarten teacher for a child born before June 1st at the spring parent/teacher conference, the school will hold a spot for that child in both Kindergarten and First grade for the following school year, allowing for re-evaluation of the child in late July if needed. In most situations the school will honor the parents' decision for placement. Final decision for grade placement, however, will be the Head Teacher's.