

LOTTERY POLICY AND PROCEDURES (REV. 12/6/2016; 10/19/2020) (2/23/2023) Enrollment at the Galileo School is determined by a random lottery. Lottery Applications will become available in January of each year and a spring deadline will be set for applications to be turned in. The application deadline will be posted on the school's website and via the school's Facebook fan page. The children of parents who submit completed applications will be eligible for enrollment at the school.

Only four categories of students are eligible for preferential treatment, in order of priority:

1. Children of governing board members (priority given to siblings of currently enrolled students) (rev. Feb. 2023)
2. Children of employees at the Galileo School (priority given to siblings of currently enrolled students).
3. Children who attend Galileo PreK will have preference in the kindergarten lottery (rev. Feb. 2023).
4. Siblings of children enrolled, or selected to be enrolled, at the school.
5. Seminole County Residents Controlled Open Enrollment – Students who wish to apply to Galileo and are not residents of Seminole County, and have not been subject to a current expulsion or suspension from another Florida county, may submit applications beginning in January, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year (1002.31 F.S.). Applications must be received by the deadline posted on the Galileo Website. After considering maximum class size pursuant to s.1003.03(4), F.S., and after all Seminole County student applicants have been placed, other applications from out- of- county students will be placed in a separate lottery using the Lottery Procedures outlined below and assigned any remaining open seats at Galileo. Per the Galileo School for Gifted Learning Charter, at no time should a student who does not have enrollment preference from outside Seminole County have preference in the lottery over a student who resides in Seminole County.

Lottery Procedures: There will be a separate lottery conducted for each grade level. The selection process will be conducted one grade level at a time. An online random number generator that best fits our needs will be used to generate the numbers. All applicants will be assigned a number separated by grade. A Galileo employee or designated representative will run the computer program to generate the numbers. As each number is drawn, by grade, students will be ordered on the waiting list in the sequence that they were drawn. That order will be used to determine placement for any vacancies by grade. If a student has a sibling, then the sibling will receive preference for the grade level to which he or she is assigned. Names will be drawn until all the names have been exhausted. They will be added to a lottery-derived waitlist once all available slots have been filled. If the school becomes oversubscribed and enrollment openings occur, and no students remain on the lottery-derived waitlist, then the Galileo School will announce a second due date for applications and hold an additional lottery, as necessary, to keep the school fully enrolled. Initial offers of enrollment will be sent to families via phone and email. Subsequent offers will be delivered via email or phone. Written notice of acceptance must be received within two days of receipt of the notification. Enrollment is not complete until registration packets are submitted to the school by the posted deadline. Families who decline enrollment or neglect to submit their registration packets on time will forfeit their spot in the Galileo School. Rev. 9/13/2021

Middle School Lottery Policy

The Galileo Middle School will open the enrollment to any interested current Galileo 5th grade students in January of each year. Parents of those students will submit a lottery application by March 1st. The children of parents who submit completed applications will be eligible for enrollment at the school. If the number of current pupils who wish to attend the Galileo Middle School exceeds the school's capacity, the school will hold a lottery for current students at a publicly announced school meeting, such as a Board meeting or PTA meeting. The School Principal, and one other school employee or Board member, will conduct the lottery. After the first lottery of current Galileo students is conducted, any vacancies will follow the Galileo Lottery Policy and will be opened to the general public. Lottery results will be recorded and filed in each student's enrollment application folder. The enrollment date will be posted on the school's website and via the school's Facebook fan page. Only four categories of students are eligible for preferential treatment, in order of priority:

1. Children of founding board members (priority given to siblings of currently enrolled students).
2. Children of employees at the Galileo School (priority given to siblings of currently enrolled students).
3. Children who attend Galileo PreK will have preference in the kindergarten lottery (rev. Feb. 2023)
4. Siblings of children enrolled, or selected to be enrolled, at the school.
5. Seminole County Residents