

## **ATLANTA HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL**

### **Admission and Enrollment Policy**

Admission to the school shall be open to all age-appropriate children for grade levels offered in accordance with the school's charter contract without charge for tuition and without discrimination on the basis of intellectual or athletic abilities, measures of achievement or aptitude, disability, status as a handicapped person, homeless status, English proficiency, religion, creed, race, sex, color, national origin or any other basis that would be illegal for an existing school district. Admission shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws. Admission shall be limited to those students who are residents of the state, except a foreign exchange student.

The school will remove barriers to the enrollment and retention in school of children and youth experiencing homelessness by developing and implementing practices and procedures consistent with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act and applicable state law. The school will ensure that all identified homeless children and unaccompanied youth receive a free and appropriate education and are given meaningful opportunities to succeed in the school.

It is the policy of the Board that its educational service provider develop and implement practices and procedures that control the admission and enrollment of students, including public notice and random selection to be used when the number of applicants exceed the number of available spaces for grades offered. Detailed application, random selection and admission practices and procedures shall be available to parents and the general public at the school office. The Board will annually approve offered seats and maximum class size of the school.

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#### References:

US Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment  
Title IX of Education Amendments Act (20 USC 1681 et. seq.)  
The Civil Rights Act of 1964  
The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (42 USC §11434a[2])  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 791 et. seq.)  
Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1974 (20 USC 1703 et. seq.)  
The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et. seq.)  
Georgia Charter School Act of 1998 (O.C.G.A. §20-20-2060 et seq.)  
National Heritage Academies Admissions and Enrollment Practices & Procedures  
National Heritage Academies Homeless Child Practices & Procedures

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# Addition to the Admission and Enrollment Policy

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The following language will be added to the Waiting List section of the Admission and Enrollment Policy and is for clarification and documentation purposes only, and is not an added procedure.

“When a seat becomes available in a particular grade due to attrition, erosion, or other event, if that particular grade has a waiting list, that available seat will be filled by the first student on the waiting list for that particular grade. If a waiting list does not exist for that particular grade, but exists for another grade, the school may (subject to applicable enrollment limits and board approved offered seats) fill the available seat using the first student on the waiting list in a different grade, the grade deemed most beneficial to student and school considering class size, teacher capacity, and other school operational factors.”