

AMITY CREEK MAGNET SCHOOL ENROLLMENT LOTTERY FAQs

How and when do we apply to attend Amity Creek?

All magnet schools in the Bend-La Pine School District follow the same application timeline. When confirmed, the key dates for the application timeline, including our parent meetings and school tours, will be posted on the Amity Creek web site and the Bend-La Pine School District web site. This information as well as the lottery application are typically available online sometime in January. The application deadline is typically the third week in March (Friday before spring break).

We already have a child enrolled at Amity Creek. Do we need to apply for siblings?

YES! We need an application form for every student interested in attending Amity Creek. The same application deadline applies for sibling applications as for general applications. Completing the lottery application is required. *If space is available*, siblings are automatically enrolled if their form is submitted by the deadline.

How many schools can I apply to?

Families are encouraged to visit all the schools you might be interested in before you decide about applying. You can apply to only one magnet school. If duplicate applications are found, all applications will be withdrawn and will not be considered. The only exception to this rule is for families interested in a magnet school as well as the dual immersion program at Bear Creek Elementary – families can apply to one magnet school AND to the dual immersion program. Families are also allowed to submit applications to both a magnet school and a charter school.

Do we have to live in the magnet zone to apply?

No – the only requirement for applying is that you live in the Bend-La Pine School District boundary prior to the start of school. Magnet zone residents receive additional preference in the enrollment lottery. If you are not sure if you live in the Bend-La Pine School District, you can call the district's Transportation Department (541-355-5700) and give them your address so they can verify that you are in-district.

How do we know if we live in the Amity Creek magnet zone?

The magnet zone boundaries are shown on the district magnet zone map. A link to the map is on the **Parent Information** page of the Amity Creek web site. You can also call the Amity Creek office at 541-355-2800 and we'll help you figure out if your residence address falls within the Amity Creek magnet zone. Proof of residence is required if you reside in the Amity Creek magnet zone.

Our family is moving to Bend over the summer. How can we apply to Amity Creek?

Out of district families are welcome to submit a lottery application providing they reside in the Bend-LaPine School District boundary prior to the start of the school year and the application is submitted by the deadline.

How can we learn more about Amity Creek's curriculum and magnet school program?

We strongly encourage families to attend one of our parent meetings as well as a tour of the school to learn more about Amity Creek and our teaching methodology. We want to make sure families have all the information they need to make an informed decision about applying to Amity Creek. The important dates for all the magnet schools will be posted on the Bend-La Pine Schools web site as they become available.

How can we visit Amity Creek to learn more about the school?

We will offer several dates and times for information meetings and school tours. Watch the Amity Creek web site for the dates for information meetings and school tours. Thank you for understanding that we don't allow visits to Amity Creek outside of these sessions due to security precautions and time constraints.

How does the enrollment lottery work?

After the application period closes, the applications are sorted by grade level and preference category (siblings, magnet zone residents, general applications). Each application is assigned a number/ranking in a mathematically randomized process for determining the ranked order for making enrollment offers. The number of enrollment offers matches the number of grade level openings.

What are the lottery preference categories?

Siblings of current students have the highest preference in the lottery. Amity Creek's parents choose this school because they believe that our philosophy of education is what they want *all* of their children to experience. Magnet zone residents have the second highest preference. All other applicants (non-siblings, non-magnet zone) have the third highest preference.

When do we find out about enrollment lottery results?

The enrollment lottery takes place during the week following spring break. By the middle of April, we mail notification letters to families with information about either an enrollment offer or waiting list placement. The notification letters require a response in writing or by email to confirm or decline your enrollment offer or waiting list placement. We notify families in time for you to participate in registration at your neighborhood school if necessary.

What are the chances of my child getting into Amity Creek?

This is the hardest question to answer! The chance for getting into Amity Creek for a specific grade level depends on several things – the number of openings at that grade level, how many applications are for that grade level, if it's a sibling or magnet zone application, etc. Over the past several years, 25% to 50% of new incoming Kindergartners are non-siblings/non-magnet zone students. Typically, Amity Creek has very few openings for grades 1 through 5. Amity Creek enrollment numbers are by agreement with the school district; therefore, we are not able to create additional openings at a specific grade level to address enrollment demands.

How does the waiting list work?

If a student isn't offered enrollment right after the lottery, he/she is placed on the waiting list for the grade level applied for, based on the rankings from the enrollment lottery. We actively monitor the waiting list throughout the school year and make enrollment offers as soon as possible if there is a grade level opening.

For more details please refer to the Bend-La Pine Magnet School guiding principles. A direct link to the guiding principles is available on the Parent Information section of the Amity Creek web site. Please contact the Amity Creek office at 541-355-2800 if you have any further enrollment questions.