



HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Magnet School Sibling Preference – 2024-2025 Lottery

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History

- As a result of Board action on December 8, 2009, sibling preference was removed for magnet applications filed for the 2011-2012 school year.
- In 2014, a response to a Board Member information request included the recommendation to not bring back sibling preference as the number of students applying exceeds the number of available seats.
- In 2015, this item was discussed at a Workshop with the recommendation that sibling preference not be reinstated as 40% of seats at CK8 would be taken up by siblings.
- In 2017, this item was discussed again at a Workshop with the recommendation not to reinstate sibling preference. If reinstated, most of the open seats would go to employees, military and siblings.



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Challenger K8 2024-2025 Magnet Lottery

									Siblings	
Grade Level	# of Portfolio Submissions	# of Lottery Only Submissions	Total Applications	Seats Available	Employee	Military	Total Portfolio Selections	Total Lottery Selections	Accepted Post Lottery – Portfolio/ or Waitlist	Waitlist
KG	123	311	434	80	10*	0	24	56	NA	20
1st	30	144	174	2	0	2	0	2	NA	9
2nd	23	117	140	17	0	2	5	12	NA	15
3rd	20	119	139	13	0	1	4	9	NA	13
4th	10	119	268	1	0	1	0	1	NA	8
5th	6	85	91	24	0	1	6	18	NA	4
6th	38	201	239	19	0	1	6	13	NA	9
7th	5	68	73	0	0	0	0	0	NA	5
8th	0	31	31	6	0	1	0	6	NA	0
Total	255	1,195	1,589	162	10*	9	45	117	NA	83

*KG employees not included in 80 seats available



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Chocachatti 2024-2025 Magnet Lottery

									Siblings	
Grade Level	# of Portfolio Submissions	# of Lottery Submissions	Total Applications	Seats Available	Employee	Military	Total Portfolio Selections	Total Lottery Selections	Accepted Post Lottery – Portfolio/or Waitlist	Waitlist
KG	110	280	390	80	3	1	21	101	NA	8
1st	24	99	123	0	0	0	6	6	NA	6
2nd	8	65	73	0	0	0	1	1	NA	3
3rd	9	62	71	0	0	0	2	2	NA	3
4th	4	51	55	0	0	0	2	2	NA	0
5th	1	11	12	0	0	0	1	1	NA	0
Total	156	568	724	80	3	1	33	113	NA	19



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Nature Coast Technical 2024-2025 Magnet Lottery

						Siblings	
	# of Lottery Submissions	Seats Available	Employee	Military	Total Lottery Selections	Accepted	Waitlist
9th	844	129	7*	2	135**	1	17
10th	144	10	0	1	8**	1	5
11th	76	1	0	0	1	-	-
12th	30	2	0	0	2	-	-
Total	1094	133	7*	3	146	2	22

*Not included in seats available – Special Circumstance

**These total include some zoned students



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Sibling Preference – Other FL Counties

- Miami-Dade: Priority is provided during the initial lottery for applicants with sibling/s already attending the magnet.
- Duval: Preference is provided to students that have a sibling already enrolled at the magnet. Siblings applying together for the first time are not eligible for sibling preference.
- Orange: Only elementary and middle school students are eligible for sibling preference. The sibling currently enrolled in the magnet must be returning and the applying sibling must meet any qualifying program criteria.
- Polk: Kindergarten applicants with siblings enrolled in the magnet school of application and who will be returning to that site will receive guaranteed admission for up to fifty percent (50%) of the available kindergarten seats within the school to be filled with siblings.
- Pasco: No sibling preference for magnet schools.
- Hillsborough: There is NO guarantee for applying siblings. If sibling placement is a priority, please utilize your attendance area school.



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Sibling Preference – Other States

- Clark County Nevada: The district generally reserves up to 25% of the seats available in a magnet for preferences. Siblings will receive a sibling preference if they have a sibling attending the magnet.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg North Carolina: Siblings do receive a priority if an older sibling is already attending the magnet.
- DeKalb County Georgia: Some programs offer sibling priority. In the programs that allow sibling preferences, multiples must apply and qualify to the same program and same grade level.
- Meriden Connecticut: A new applicant who has a sibling in the school applying for will be placed in the first lottery that enrolls student in numerical order in available seats.



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