Magnet School Lottery (K-8)

Weighting Factors

Hillsborough County Public Schools utilizes a random race-neutral weighted lottery process. Provided below are the parameters used in the lottery along with the corresponding purpose and lottery use.

**Geography**

**Purpose:**
- To increase interaction among students of diverse backgrounds.

**Lottery Use:**
- Geographic designations, such as zip code and census tract, are used to apply weights (points) to a residential address. Applicants receive the applicable weight (points) for this lottery parameter. *Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.*

**Economic**

**Purpose:**
- To increase interaction among students of diverse backgrounds.

**Lottery Use:**
- The free, reduced or pay meal status of each applicant and their attendance area elementary school are identified. A weight is applied for each of the three meal status designations and applicants receive the applicable weight (points) for this lottery parameter. *Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.*

**Accountability Factor**

**Purpose:**
- To take into account the academic status of the applicant’s attendance area school and to support equitable academic access.

**Lottery Use:**
- An ESEA compliant *Accountability Factor* for every HCPS school is identified. A weight is applied for each year a school has not met the accountability factor. An applicant is awarded applicable points that correspond to the ESEA accountability status of the child’s attendance area school. *Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.*
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Sibling

Purpose:
- To support the school - family connection.

Lottery Use:
- Applicants who have a sibling at the same school for which they are applying are identified. A weight is applied and the applicant receives the applicable points for this parameter. *Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.*

Employee

Purpose:
- To support Hillsborough County Public School employees.

Lottery Use:
- Applicants who have a parent/parents employed by Hillsborough County Public Schools are identified. A weight is applied and the applicant receives the applicable points for this parameter. *Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.*

Magnet Student

Purpose:
- To support the magnet school - family connection.

Lottery Use:
- Elementary magnet students applying for middle magnet schools are identified. A weight is applied for the magnet status and the applicant receives the applicable points for this parameter. *Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.*