

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.*