

## ICS Lottery Process 2019-2024

ICS will be implementing a weighted lottery for the 2019-2024 Charter Term. The ICS mission states, "The International Community School is an International Baccalaureate World School that educates refugees, immigrants and local children, and provides a rigorous and holistic education in an intentionally diverse community of mutual learners."

### Overview of ICS Lottery

International Community School opens online applications in January, a public lottery is held in February and open houses in early spring. Specific dates for open enrollment, open houses and the lottery can be found on the ICS website.

Lottery applications and selections are performed through an online registration database system, LotterEase.com. Applicants can apply using their personal email account and password. Applicants can always view, update information and check their application status at any time.

You do not need to attend the lottery in person to gain admission. You can follow status updates through their [lotterease.com](https://www.lotterease.com) account or the school's website at [www.icsgeorgia.org](http://www.icsgeorgia.org).

Applications received after application deadline will be placed at the end of our waiting lists.

Lottery winners must **confirm acceptance** and **submit required documents** to complete acceptance within 10 business days.

## **ICS Lottery Notification**

Applicants selected through the lottery will be notified via an electronic letter for acceptance. Applicants who are not selected will be notified electrically with a “wait list” number. Waiting applicants will be immediately contacted upon space availability via their registered email address. The wait list will be active throughout such school year. Applications received after the lottery will be added to end of the wait list.

## **ICS Lottery Acceptance Requirements**

A copy of student birth certificate, I-94, green card or passport, proof of residence in DeKalb County (current utility bill, lease, etc.), immunizations, hearing, vision and dental records. Student must be a resident of DeKalb County district schools to enter the lottery. Preferences seating is given to siblings of current ICS students, staff and board members.

## **ICS Enrollment Priorities**

Per our 2019-24 Charter Contract, the ICS enrollment priority areas are:

1. A sibling of a student enrolled in the Charter School
2. A student whose parent or guardian is a member of the governing board of the charter school or is a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee at the Charter School
3. In accordance with Georgia law, the Charter School may utilize a weighted lottery to provide an increased chance of admission to students who are limited English proficient students, as defined by State Board Rule. The additional weight for educationally disadvantaged students who are limited English proficient students will be calculated each year in accordance with the formula in Appendix C (Weighted Lottery Formula). To facilitate the weighted lottery, applicants can indicate their “limited English proficient” status on the admissions application and such status will be verified as part of the registration process

One of our goals is to maintain a balance between students who are refugees and immigrants and students who are born in the United States. Since a majority of our students who are refugees and immigrants are part of the ESOL program, we amended our charter contract, which was approved by DeKalb County and the Georgia Department of Education, to ensure that 50% of our students are described as Limited English Proficient in their application. Thus, students who speak another language at home, who are highly likely to qualify for ESOL services, will be given preference in our the lottery during this charter term. The weight given will vary by year and will be determined according to the formula approved by the Georgia Department of Education.