

Discovery Charter School Enrollment Policy

Entitlement to Education

Every child of the school age who is a resident of a Pennsylvania school district is entitled to a public school education. Discovery Charter School will exhaust all residential applicants before admitting nonresident applicants. However, if a student transfers out of district while enrolled he or she will remain entitled to education at Discovery Charter School. Discovery Charter School does not discriminate against any student as it relates to race or gender economic status or academic profile. In addition, a child's right to be admitted to Discovery Charter School may not be conditioned on the child's immigration status. Discovery Charter School will not inquire regarding the immigration status of a child as part of the admission process. Discovery Charter School does not discriminate in admission policies or practices on the basis of a child's disability or the child's need for special education or supplementary aids or services, including students who have an intellectual disability. Any student who is enrolled through the said enrollment process is provided an exceptional education.

Timely Enrollment

Students enrolled prior to the beginning of the school year are enrolled and oriented by August of that school year. Any student enrolling following the start of the school year, shall be enrolled a no later than 5 business days of application.

Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) is an educational right of children with disabilities in the United States that is guaranteed by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Discovery Charter School offers FAPE to all students who are enrolled in the school. If a child with a disability (who had an IEP that was in effect in a previous public agency) transfers to Discovery Charter School, Discovery Charter School will provide FAPE to the child (including services comparable to those described in the child's IEP from the previous public agency) until Discovery Charter School either- (1) adopts the child's IEP from the previous public agency; or (2) develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP that meets the applicable requirements in 300.321 through 300.324.

REQUIRED ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION

Except when a child is homeless, whenever a child of school age is presented for enrollment by a parent(s), school district resident, or any other person having charge or care of the child, Discovery Charter School requires that the following information be documented before enrolling the child and allowing the child to attend school.

1. Proof of the child's age

Any one of the following constitutes acceptable documentation: birth certificate; notarized copy of birth certificate; baptismal certificate; copy of the record of baptism – notarized or duly certified and showing the date of birth; notarized statement from the parents or another relative indicating the date of birth; a valid passport; a prior school record indicating the date of birth.

2. Immunizations required by law

Acceptable documentation includes: either the child's immunization record, a written statement from the former school district or from a medical office that the required immunizations have been administered, or that a required series is in progress, or verbal assurances from the former school district or a medical office that the required immunizations have been completed, with records to follow.

3. Two Proofs of Residency

Acceptable documentation includes: a deed, a lease, current utility bill, property tax bill, vehicle registration, driver's license, PENNDOT identification card and passport.

4. Copy of student records

Please note: Discovery Charter School does not prohibit or delay admission contingent upon receipt of this additional information.

- PSSA Scores
- Most recent report card
- Small Photo of child
- Medical Card

5. A home language survey will be administered for all students who are being enrolled for the first time.

“Where education is not just preparation for life, but life itself!”

Applications opens October 1st of each year

Lottery application closes March 31st of each year

To apply, please visit our website at www.discoverycharterschool.com.

Computers are available at the front desk for those who do not have internet access at home. Please contact the enrollment secretary at 215-879-8182 x100 if you need assistance applying or printing the lottery confirmation.

To Apply:

- 1. Go to our website**
- 2. Click “apply”**
- 3. Complete the one page application (one application per child)**
- 4. Click “submit”**
- 5. You will receive a confirmation e-mail, which will give you a unique identification number per application, letting you know that your child/children have been placed into our lottery.**

Please print this out for your records and put it where you can locate it at anytime

- 1. The lottery will take place on April 16, 2017 and the results will be posted on the website as of May 1, 2017**

To find out if your child/children has been accepted or placed on our wait list, please do the following:

- 1. Please go to our website**
- 2. Click “apply”**
- 3. Click the “grade” you applied to**
- 4. Locate the unique identification/confirmation number you received in the confirmation e-mail**
- 5. If your child has been accepted, you will receive a letter from Discovery Charter School inviting you and your child to orientation**

6. If your child has not been accepted, please locate your child's unique identification/confirmation number and to the left will be your child's wait list number

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Ms. Barbara Morris via e-mail: bmorris@dcsschool.com.

If you do not receive a letter or phone call from our Admissions Office regarding an available space by December 31, 2017, please re-apply online anytime after October 1st of the following year.