

Enrollment Policies and Procedures

Sojourner Truth Academy (STA) is passionate about helping children achieve academic and social success in a community of high expectations where each child is valued.

Currently enrolled students

Students who are currently enrolled at Sojourner Truth Academy will receive letters of intent to return at the end of 2nd Quarter. Letters will be sent home with report cards. The Letter of Intent must be received by the last business day in February to be guaranteed placement for the following school year.

Pre K Registration

Pre K registration will begin on January 15th. To be considered for placement, Pre K candidates must be 4 years old by September 1st of the upcoming school year. A completed registration form and a copy of their birth certificate must be completed and turned into the office by March 15th. A lottery will occur for placement if the number of incoming Pre K candidates exceeds 12 students.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will begin on January 15th. To be considered for placement, kindergarten candidates must be 5 years old by September 1st of the upcoming school year. A completed registration form must also be received by March 15th. Incoming kindergarteners who have a sibling currently enrolled at Sojourner Truth Academy will have priority for enrollment. A lottery will only occur if the number of incoming kindergarteners with sibling preference exceeds 54 students. We strongly encourage preschool screening. All incoming kindergarteners must take a kindergarten pre-assessment that will be administered by Sojourner Truth Academy staff.

New Student Enrollment

New student enrollment will begin on January 15th. A completed registration form must be received by March 15th to be considered for placement. A lottery will only occur if the number of students who are currently enrolled exceeds 54 students in K, 48 students in 1st – 3rd grade and 48 students in 4th – 8th grade. Newly enrolled students whose primary language is not English will need to take an ESL placement test administered by Sojourner Truth Academy staff.

Lottery Process

A general lottery will be conducted on the last business day of March for each grade level where the number of enrollment applications received exceeds the number of openings. After the lottery, students who are not accepted in the grade level applied for will be placed on a waiting list sequential by lottery number. As openings become available, students will be contacted and placed. The waiting list will expire at the end of the current school year and the enrollment process will begin again in January for the next school year.

Placement

Sojourner Truth Academy staff will use completed registration information to determine the appropriate placement for the student. *No placement will be finalized until all necessary information has been received and appropriate services and programming has been arranged.*

Flexibility

Sojourner Truth Academy School Board of Directors may decide to close enrollment based on the schools capacity to meeting the needs of the students currently enrolled.

Enrollment of Families and Youth in Transition

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized in December 2001, ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Sojourner Truth Academy provides immediate enrollment despite not having all required documents which are normally obtained prior to enrollment. Students may apply at any time.

In accordance with federal law and U. S. Department of Education policy, this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.