

School of Dreams Academy

Application, Lottery and Student Enrollment Information

School of Dreams Academy is a state authorized Valencia County based charter school open to grades 7 – 9 for the academic year 2009 – 2010 and adding a class each year thereafter until we reach grades 7 – 12 status. It does not charge tuition or have admission requirements. All applicants will have an equal chance to gain admission to the school. All students, including English Language Learners, and those requiring special education and related services, will have the benefit of an individualized learning plan designed to address their specific needs and to meet their individual goals within the learning spectrum.

The mission of School of Dreams Academy is to prepare students in Valencia County to become competent, self-sustaining individuals with a passion for learning and life. Although School of Dreams Academy does not have admission requirements, the focus is to enhance student achievement through utilization of instruction in the arts, literacy, character education and community involvement through various learning opportunities.

If there are enough spaces at a given grade level, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applicants than spaces available, admission will be determined through a lottery. The lottery process is described below.

Enrollment Windows

There will be three enrollment windows for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications for the lottery are available on the internet at www.schoolofdreamsacademy.com. An application may also be obtained at the YDI Valencia office, 428 Los Lentes Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031.

First enrollment window:

- **Applications** must be RECEIVED by 4:00 P.M., on **April 23, 2009** at the following address:
YDI Valencia Office, 428 Los Lentes Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031
- **Lottery** (if necessary) will be held on Saturday, **April 25, 2009**, 4:00 P.M. at 428 Los Lentes Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031. The lottery is open to the public. Lottery procedures are described below.
- **Enrollment:** For those students, who are admitted, parents must pick up and return completed enrollment forms by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, **May 01, 2009**. A student not enrolled by this date will forfeit his/ her spot to a student on the waiting list.
- **Waiting List:** The names of any students not admitted during the first enrollment window will be kept on a waiting list and automatically entered into the second lottery.

Second enrollment window:

- **Applications** must be RECEIVED by 4:00 P.M. on **May 14, 2009** at the following address:
YDI Valencia Office, 428 Los Lentes Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031
- **Lottery** (if necessary) will be held on Saturday, **May 16, 2009**, 4:00 P.M. at 428 Los Lentes Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031. The lottery is open to the public. Lottery procedures are described below.

- **Enrollment:** For those students, who are admitted, parents must pick up and return completed enrollment forms by 4:00 P.M on Friday, **May 22, 2009**. A student not enrolled by this date will forfeit his/ her spot to a student on the waiting list.
- **Waiting List:** The names of any students not admitted during the second enrollment window will be kept on a waiting list and automatically entered into the spring lottery.

Third enrollment window:

- **Applications** must be RECEIVED by 4:00 P.M on **June 11, 2009** at the following address:
YDI Valencia Office, 428 Los Lentos Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031
- **Lottery** (if necessary) will be held on Saturday, **June 13, 2009**, 4:00 P.M. at 428 Los Lentos Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031. The lottery is open to the public. Lottery procedures are described below.
- **Enrollment:** For those students, who are admitted, parents must pick up and return completed enrollment forms by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, **June 19, 2009**. A student not enrolled by this date will forfeit his/ her spot to a student on the waiting list.
- **Waiting List:** The names of any students not admitted during the third enrollment window will be kept on a waiting list. Parents will be notified as to their child's position on the waiting list. It will also be posted on the SODA web site.

Waiting List: At the end of the third enrollment period any students not admitted during the enrollment window will be kept on a waiting list. As spaces open up families will be contacted in waiting list order.

Lottery Procedure:

Applications will be accepted through the stated deadline (**April 23, 2009** for the first window, **May 14, 2009** for the second window, and **June 11, 2009** for the third window.) Student names will be categorized in a database based on the grade they will be entering in 2009-2010.

For a given grade level, if there are more spaces than student applications, all students will be accepted. If there are more applications than spaces, all the student names for that grade level will be entered into a lottery.

On the day of the lottery, student names for a given grade level will be put into a hopper and pulled out one by one. The first name pulled will be assigned number one, the second name will be number two, and so on until every name is assigned a number.

Starting with the lowest numbers, students will be admitted to the grade level until it is filled. Students whose numbers are too high to allow them admittance will be kept on a waiting list in the order of their numbers.

Sibling Rule (BEGINNING 2010-2011) After all grade levels are filled, siblings of admitted students will also be admitted, even if this means over-enrolling their grade levels. The purpose of this policy is to allow families to keep their children together at the same school. Verification of sibling relationship is required. A sibling is defined as a brother or sister born to both parents,

a half or step sibling, or a foster child or student under legal guardianship of parent(s) of a child who has won a space through the lottery.

Posting of Lists: The Monday after each lottery is held, the list of assigned student lottery numbers, admitted to School of Dreams Academy, will be posted on the front door of the YDI Valencia office (428 Los Lentes Rd. S.E., Los Lunas, NM 87031), and on the School of Dreams Academy website. We will also attempt to contact every family by phone, but cannot guarantee the success of this contact. It is the responsibility of each family to find out the results of the lottery, and to pick up and submit an enrollment form by the stated deadline. If an enrollment form is not received by the required deadline, the student's space will be given to a student on the waiting list.

When school opens in August 2009, any student who does not show by day three will lose his/her place to the next student on the waiting list.

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