

University Preparatory School Lottery Process

The lottery is held as required by law and according to our school's charter, with admission preference given in the following order:

- Sibling(s) of admitted or attending student(s). Sibling preferences may not be exercised by student applicants who have previously attended U-Prep and subsequently transferred to another school.
- Children of U-Prep employees.
- Applicants who were in either the first or second lottery the previous year, and remained on the waiting list all year.
- Residents in the Shasta Union High School District boundaries.

All applicants *who are exercising a preference* must submit their applications by January 31, 2024. These applicants are admitted or run through the lottery first, in accordance with the order of their designated preference. Note: For clarification purposes, current students who have indicated that they are returning to U- Prep will keep their status as enrolled students and are not required to go through the lottery process.

First Lottery (Draw of applications received during the first application period, Dec. 1, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025): Any remaining seats following placement of *applicants with preference* are filled accordingly:

- (1) If the remaining seats can accommodate all of the First Lottery applicants, then these applicants will be accepted on February 1, 2025.
- (2) However, if the number of First Lottery applicants exceeds the number of seats available for enrollment, then a lottery is required; all First Lottery applicants are assigned a number that is then randomly drawn at the First Lottery Draw in March. Once the number of seats available are filled, then the remaining applicants are placed on a waiting list in the order in which they were drawn.

Second Lottery (Draw of applications received during the second application period, February 1– 28, 2025): Following the First Lottery Draw, the assigned numbers of all Second Draw lottery applicants will be randomly drawn (NOTE: The First and Second Lottery draws are held on the same day in March,). Any available seats will be filled in order of the random drawing. Once seats are filled, then the draw will continue until all Second Lottery applicants are placed on a waiting list. The waiting list represents the order in which an applicant's number was drawn.

Waiting List Information

Applicants placed on a waiting list as a result of a lottery will be notified when a seat becomes available. Applicants will be notified in the order established on the waiting list. When a seat is offered to a waiting list applicant, the parent is given two school days to inform U-Prep of their acceptance. If no response is received, then the applicant will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list. NOTE: No student currently enrolled in a local school will be admitted after the fourth quarter has begun.