



## Compass Academy Application Process 2017-2018 School Year

Compass Academy will have 150 slots for incoming freshmen. Of those, 25 slots will be set aside for a lottery for the siblings of current Compass students who will still be at Compass for the 2017-2018 school year. Another 25 slots will be set aside to ensure demographics are representative of the district. Those slots will be filled by students who meet certain criteria such as socio-economic status, ethnicity, need for special programs, etc.

The application process includes opportunities to increase the chances of success in the lotteries. Students can earn these additional chances by participating in various events and activities. Parents, guardians and adult advocates receive one pre-printed, numbered ticket for every event they attend. *(One ticket per applicant per event.)* The tickets will be turned in with the application and will earn the student additional chances in the sibling lottery and the general lottery. *(See below for more details and a complete list of activities, which will be held)*

### OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION PROCESS WITH IMPORTANT DATES

**Applications will be accepted at the district office Feb. 21-24.**

Event	Description	Date
<b>Eligibility</b>	Students must reside within district boundaries. <i>(Please Note: Prior to the application process, transition meetings may be held for students needing accommodations or who have special needs.)</i>	Various departments will determine eligibility once applications are received.
<b>Sibling Lottery (25 slots)</b>	In an effort to keep families together, a special lottery will be held for applicants who will have siblings at Compass Academy during the 2017-2018 school year. Those who have earned additional chances by participating in various events and activities will be entered into this lottery multiple times, which will increase their chances of acceptance. Siblings who are not successful in the sibling lottery will be entered into the general lottery.	<b>March 1</b> <i>(This lottery will be held prior to the general lottery.)</i>
<b>General Lottery (100 slots)</b>	All students who have submitted an application and meet the eligibility requirements will be entered into the general lottery. Those who have earned additional chances by participating in various events and activities will be entered in this lottery multiple times, which will increase their chance of acceptance.	<b>March 1</b>
<b>Meeting School's Demographic Needs (25 slots)</b>	Twenty-five slots will be set aside and filled by students who meet certain criteria such as socio-economic status, ethnicity, gender, need for special programs, etc.	<b>March 1</b>
<b>Waitlist</b>	All students who are unsuccessful in the lottery will be put on a waitlist based on lottery results.	Ongoing Process



**DETAILED LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE CHANCES IN THE GENERAL LOTTERY**

*PLEASE NOTE: Participation in any or all of these events DOES NOT guarantee a spot at Compass, but will increase a student's chance of success in the sibling lottery and/or general lottery.*

Opportunity	Description	Date	Why
<b>Legacy</b> <i>(One ticket per family.)</i>	Any student who has a sibling who graduated from Compass in 2015 or 2016 can pick up a ticket at the Compass Academy office. <i>(School staff must verify attendance/graduation.)</i>	Feb 1-17	This is a unique opportunity to honor commitments made to families who enrolled students while Compass was still under construction
<b>Parent Information Meetings</b> <i>(At least one parent/guardian or adult advocate must attend. One ticket per family.)</i>	Attend one of the information meetings that will highlight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project-based learning</li> <li>• 1:1 Technology</li> <li>• Echo</li> <li>• Integrated Courses</li> <li>• Grading</li> <li>• Group work</li> <li>• Expectations</li> </ul>	Feb. 7 & Feb. 8 @ 7 pm Compass Academy	Parents will learn about what makes Compass so unique. They also will receive an overview of what learning looks like at Compass. There will be time for Q&A following the presentation. Total time will be approximately 1 hour.
<b>School Tours</b> <i>(At least one parent must attend. One ticket per family.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend a planned school day tour, which will give parents a chance to see Compass students in action.</li> </ul>	Feb. 14 – 16 Call the school at 525-7720 to reserve a spot.	Parents will have the chance to see what a Compass class looks like, experience integrated course work and talk to Compass students about their experiences.
<b>Compass Student Event</b> <i>(Prospective student must attend with at least one parent/guardian or adult advocate. One ticket per family.)</i>	Attend a student event, which are often held as the culminating part of a project.	Feb. 16 from 6 pm to 8 pm @ Compass Academy	These events showcase what a finished project looks like and would give prospective students a chance to learn more about the process.