



Sorensen Magnet School of the Arts & Humanities

Application Process Explained

Current Sorensen Students:

Once students are enrolled at Sorensen, they are welcome to return if still living in the CDA School District; no application necessary, only an annual Confirmation of Enrollment. If you moved out of district during the school year, you must reapply to attend.

Please note: There will be two consecutive windows to ensure we reach our student population capacity and provide a waiting list of students in each grade level. The date in which your application is submitted in its entirety will determine the lottery window for your child. All applications will be sorted and reviewed at the close of each window. Window dates will be on the application.

Window #1:

For students who are new to Sorensen, the first step of the process is the lottery draw for grade level priority. Because the remaining prioritization hinges on grade-level order of the draw, it is important to establish this first. If a lottery draw is necessary, the following order will be used:

1. Priority Group #1: Applicant's parent or guardian is employed at Sorensen.
2. Priority Group #2: Applicant is a sibling of a student (K-4th grade) currently enrolled at Sorensen and resides within the Magnet Priority Zone.
3. Priority Group #3: The applicant is a sibling of a student (K-4th grade) currently enrolled at Sorensen and resides outside of the Magnet Priority Zone, but within CDA district.
4. Priority Group #4: The applicant resides within the Magnet Priority Zone and qualifies for free or reduced lunch (up to 35% of total enrollment will receive preference, free and reduced application required).
5. Priority Group #5: Applicants reside within the Magnet Priority Zone, regardless of income qualifications and including students from Priority Group #4 who were not chosen before the 35% threshold was met (proof of residency with a current utility bill is required).
6. Priority Group #6: The applicant resides outside of the Magnet Priority Zone, but within the CDA District boundaries, and qualifies for free or reduced lunch. If you live in the CDA school district, but outside of the Magnet Priority Zone, your child is next on the priority list.
7. Priority Group #7: All other applicants who reside outside of the Magnet Priority Zone, but within the CDA district boundaries.
8. Students who currently live outside the district boundaries will not be eligible for acceptance during the first window, but may be considered in Window #2.

Window: #2

1. This lottery window, for each grade level, continues after Window #1 applicants.
2. Grade level order of draw will follow the same order as Window #1.
3. Out-of-district enrollment for siblings of current students will be considered after Priority Group #7 of Window 2 after all other in-district applications have been processed. It could be after the school year starts that out-of-district siblings may be accepted.
4. Out-of-district applicants will not be offered an enrollment opportunity until all in-district applications have been satisfied.

For many reasons throughout the school year, students withdraw. This creates new opportunities for those students on our waiting lists. Waiting lists will be used for the entire school year. Parents / Guardians of accepted students will be required to accept and complete a Registration Packet within one week of notification to guarantee admission.