



VIBRANT MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL

TK-6 Grade, Free, Public Education

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RECRUITMENT/ACCEPTANCE PROCESS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Vibrant Minds Charter School (VMCS) extends a warm welcome to the diverse families of Anaheim and neighboring areas by honoring and respecting their many cultures, ethnicities, religions, and races. The charter school seeks to serve a diverse population of scholars in Grades TK-6 that is reflective of the general population within the territorial jurisdiction of the Anaheim Elementary School District. Admission to VMCS shall be open to any resident of California that is of legal age to attend a public elementary school (i.e., old enough to enroll in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten). VMCS has no academic or residential requirement for admission and will admit any elementary-aged child that wishes to attend depending upon space availability.

The following grade levels will be in place for the 9th year of operation. For TK, there is currently a maximum enrollment of 24 scholars. For K-6, it is anticipated that 30-32 scholars will be enrolled in each of these seven classes. For a reduced scholar-to-adult ratio, each class will be staffed by a credentialed teacher and an instructional assistant. Volunteer support will also be cultivated in each classroom.

- TK – Maximum of 24 (smaller enrollment due to class-size regulation)
- K -- Maximum of 32
- 1 -- Maximum of 32
- 2 – Maximum of 32
- 3 – Maximum of 32
- 4 – Maximum of 32
- 5 – Maximum of 32
- 6 -- Maximum of 32

The following timeline for recruitment and enrollment is shared with the intent to make the process transparent and comprehensible. It is important to note that any scholars who were on our waiting list for the 2022-2023 school year will be the first to be accepted into VMCS for the 2023-2024 school year based upon space availability and their ordinal placement on the list.

Time Span	Activity	Outcome
January 1-March 31, 2023	This timespan will constitute the first wave of recruitment activity. Through articles in the local papers, flyers, banners, social media, and events, parents/guardians will become informed about recruitment for VMCS for the 2023-2024 school year. Interest Forms will be distributed and collected throughout this time period.	<p>On Friday, March 31, 2023, the first wave of applicants will be accepted into VMCS based upon the Interest Forms. If there are more applicants than openings per grade level, a public drawing will be held for each of the impacted grade levels. In addition to filling each grade level to its maximum capacity (24 for TK and 30-32 for K-6), a waiting list will be established based upon the order of drawn names per impacted grade level.</p> <p>The drawing will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Parents/guardians that do not complete the formal registration packet by April 21, 2023, will forfeit their child's spot to the next person on the waiting list.</p>
April 1-June 9, 2023	This timespan will constitute the second wave of recruitment activity if the school is not filled to capacity. The various outreach strategies will remain the same. Interest Forms will be collected throughout this time period.	<p>On Friday, June 9, 2023, the second wave of applicants will be accepted into VMCS based upon the Interest Forms. If there are more applicants than openings per grade level, a public drawing will be held for each of the impacted grade levels. In addition to filling each grade level to its maximum capacity (24 for TK and 30-32 for K-6), a waiting list will be established based upon the order of drawn names per impacted grade level. This waiting list will be an addendum to any</p>

		<p>previously established waiting list.</p> <p>The drawing will be held on Friday June 9, at 5:00 p.m. Parents/guardians that do not complete the formal registration packet by June 23, 2023, will forfeit their child's spot to the next person on the waiting list.</p>
June 10, 2023, through the Remainder of the School Year	Beginning June 10, 2023, scholars will be invited to attend the school based on space availability and the waiting list. Once the waiting list has been exhausted based upon the random selection process, then any openings will be filled on a first come/first serve basis.	As is true for any public school, scholars can be accepted into VMCS throughout the school year, with a maximum enrollment of approximately 240 scholars for the 2023-2024 school year.

As permitted by state and federal regulations, the following exemptions will be made to the admission and lottery process:

- Scholars who were enrolled in the school in the 2022-2023 school year will automatically be able to continue their participation in VMCS for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, scholars who plan to continue their enrollment in VMCS for the 2023-2024 school year will have their siblings (including foster siblings) accepted into the school as long as there is sufficient space. If there is insufficient space, the siblings will be moved to the top of the waiting list for their grade levels.
- For scholars who are not currently enrolled in VMCS during the 2022-2023 school year, but are accepted into VMCS for the 2023-2024 school year, the siblings of the accepted scholars (including foster siblings) will also be accepted into VMCS as space permits. If there is insufficient space, the siblings will be moved toward the top of the waiting list for their grade levels. The rationale for the sibling exemption is to permit families to be fully involved in one school.
- For the random selection process, names will be drawn in the order of 6th grade through transitional kindergarten. Therefore, if an older sibling is accepted in the school, the sibling(s) will also be accepted as space permits. Otherwise, the sibling(s) will be placed toward the top of the waiting list.
- If a staff member of VMCS wants his/her child to attend VMCS, s/he will be accepted into the school. This is permitted as long as the total number of scholars allowed

under this exemption constitutes only a small percentage of the school's total enrollment.

- If a random selection process is needed for any grade levels due to the number of applicants, children residing within the boundaries of the Anaheim Elementary School District will have their names placed in the drawing twice to increase their odds of being drawn. This is in recognition that the Anaheim Elementary School District is the entity that approved the charter for VMCS.