

**Rite of Passage
Policy and Procedure**

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Policy:

The vision for Thomas Buzbee Vocational High School is to provide quality education to pre-and post- adjudicated youth. Consequently, as an Open-Enrollment Charter School, Raven Academy acknowledges the requirement of accepting students not placed through juvenile justice agencies.

Procedure:

To meet the needs of non-appointed youth, enrollment applications will be accepted from May 8 through June 9 for the first school year, and roughly the same dates of the following school years.

As identified by the Department of Education, any charter school receiving Charter School Program funds must use a lottery if the school is oversubscribed with more applicants than total number of spaces available. A charter school with fewer applicants than spaces available does not need to conduct a lottery.

Weighted lotteries (lotteries that give preference to one set of students over another) are permitted only when they are necessary to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution, or applicable State law.

The school may exempt from the lottery only those students who are deemed to have been admitted to the school already and, therefore, do not need to reapply. Specifically, the following categories of applicants will be exempted from the lottery on this basis: (a) students who are enrolled in a public school at the time it is converted into a public charter school; (b) siblings of students already admitted to or attending the same school; (c) children of a charter school's founders (so long as the total number of students allowed under this exemption constitutes only a small percentage of the school's total enrollment); and (d) children of employees in a work-site charter school (so long as the total number of students allowed under this exemption constitutes only a small percentage of the school's total enrollment).

Thomas Buzbee Vocational High School will ensure all students have an equal opportunity to attend the school and the school will not discriminate against students of a particular race, color, national origin, religion, or sex, or against students with disabilities; but the LGA may target additional recruitment efforts toward pre-and post-adjudicated youth. Once a student has been admitted to the school through an appropriate process, he or she may remain in attendance through subsequent grades.

