

MIT Academy / Griffin Academy Lottery Procedures

In the event a lottery needs to be held for either MIT Academy and/or the Griffin Academy, the following procedures will be in place for new students:

1. Parents will rank on their application their preference for either MIT or Griffin Academy.

Rank in order, with "1" being highest, your choice of schools. If you are interested in only one school, number only one box.

- MIT Academy
- Griffin Academy

2. During the lottery, all students will be entered into a general pool of candidates. There will be ONE lottery, with the selection of students to proceed as follows:

SPECIAL CASES:

- a) Children of staff members and founding board members will be admitted first to the school of their choice.
- b) Children with siblings at MIT Academy will be admitted to MIT Academy IF that is their first choice.
- c) Children who currently attend Widenmann or Loma Vista schools will receive their first choice, or if that choice is no longer available, their second choice (up to 50 students each at MIT and Griffin Academies).
- d) Children who currently reside in Vallejo.
- e) All other children.

GENERAL LOTTERY:

- f) Students will be assigned according to criteria (a) – (c) above. If after those assignments there are more remaining applicants than openings, names from (d) will be randomly electronically assigned one at a time and students will be assigned to the school of their first choice until that school is full. If that school is full, they will be placed on the **waiting list** for that school. If they have indicated a second choice, they will be placed at that school (without losing their place on the first school's waiting list). If both schools are full, they will be placed on BOTH waiting lists.
- g) Students who do not get their first choice, but get their second, will be assigned to their 2nd choice school but will be placed on the waiting list for their first choice school.
- h) Sibling rule: if a student is drawn to attend MIT Academy, and has a sibling who is also applying to MIT, that sibling will be automatically eligible to attend MIT. If a student is drawn to attend Griffin Academy, and has a sibling who is also applying to Griffin Academy, that sibling will be automatically eligible to attend Griffin Academy (grade level permitting).
NOTE: a student who is drawn to attend Griffin Academy cannot place a sibling at MIT Academy, and vice-versa.

EXAMPLES:

Scenario 1: no siblings

- I. Johnny is a 6th grader and has selected "MIT" as his first choice, and Griffin as his 2nd choice. Johnny's name is drawn as number "37" for 6th grade. Johnny is admitted to MIT as a 6th grader.
- II. In the above example, Johnny is drawn as #185 for MIT and #51 for Griffin Academy. Johnny will be assigned to Griffin Academy and will be #35 on the MIT waiting list, since that was his first choice.
- III. In the above example, Johnny is drawn as #185 for MIT and #153 for Griffin Academy. Johnny will be #35 on the MIT waiting list and #3 on the Griffin Academy waiting list.

Scenario 2: siblings

- IV. Johnny and June are 6th and 8th graders and have both selected "MIT" as their first choice. Johnny's name is drawn as number "37" for 6th grade. Johnny is admitted to MIT as a 6th grader and June as an 8th grader.
- V. In the above example, Johnny is drawn as #12 on the MIT waiting list, but since he indicated Griffin Academy as his second choice he is assigned to Griffin Academy. June does NOT get placed at MIT unless selected separately in the lottery. Additionally, June does NOT get placed at Griffin Academy because GA does not offer 8th grade for the 2018-19 school year.
- VI. In the above example, Johnny chose MIT as his second choice. In the lottery, Griffin Academy is full and so Johnny is assigned to MIT, which pulls June into 8th grade. In November, an opening is available at Griffin, and Johnny exercises his option to transfer to Griffin Academy. June's status at MIT is unaffected.