



## Admissions Process

### **I want my child to attend Washington Latin. What is my first step?**

Washington Latin enrolls new students through the DC common lottery for grades 5-9. (We do not accept students after grade 9 due to the Latin language requirement.)

Any student who is a resident of the District of Columbia is eligible to apply. As an open enrollment public charter school, there are no admissions requirements except DC residency. We are not allowed to – and do not – look at test scores, past grades, or other academic background. If your child is awarded a space, you will be contacted with procedures for enrolling your child.

### **What are Washington Latin's deadlines for applications?**

Washington Latin participates in the DC-wide public-school lottery, [MySchoolDC](https://www.myschooldc.org), an online school application site. It is the only way to apply for Washington Latin and the majority of other charter and DCPS schools. This year's important deadlines for enrolling your child for are at [www.latinpcs.org/join](http://www.latinpcs.org/join).

### **Do you maintain a waiting list after the lottery?**

Yes. Students are admitted in the order of the waiting list. As spaces are filled, those who remain on the waiting list will move forward when current students withdraw or waiting list families accept or decline an offer of admission.

### **How long will my child stay on the waiting list? Do I need to apply every year?**

The waiting list is only valid for one school year. You must apply every year through the My School DC common lottery at [myschooldc.org](https://www.myschooldc.org).

### **How will you contact me if an opening becomes available for my child?**

We will make every effort to contact you by telephone. It is very important to contact us if any of your telephone numbers change. You are also encouraged to contact the My School DC hotline at 202-888-6336 to learn your student's current status on the waiting list.

### **Do you offer sibling preference?**

We offer preference to the siblings of enrolled students. If they apply through MySchoolDC, they are awarded open spaces first, before students who do not have siblings.

### **If one of my children is offered a space, will the others be offered a space too?**

Once a student receives a space and is enrolled, all qualified siblings are moved up to the next available position for their grade.

### **Is preference given for those who live in the neighborhood?**

No. As a charter school, we are required to open admission to all students residing in Washington, D.C. without regard to neighborhood.

### **Are there opportunities to visit Washington Latin?**

Yes! If you would like to learn more about Washington Latin, we hope you will come to an Open House. Visit the school and meet our faculty, leaders, and hear from current students and parents, and ask questions about the school's program, extra-curricular offerings, and any other information you need to make your decision. Each open house is held at Latin from 6:00-8:00 pm; the dates are listed on our web site.

### **Will my child be able to visit?**

Your child is welcome to accompany you to one of our Open Houses. In addition, we strongly encourage students to sign up for a Shadow Day, which allows them to attend Latin for a day. We match each prospective student with a student currently enrolled at Latin, so they have a peer guiding them through the schedule. Prospective students can learn who we are, what a typical day is like, and can ask questions.

To schedule a Shadow Day, please complete and submit the form found online [latinpcs.org/join/enroll](http://latinpcs.org/join/enroll).

### **I still have questions. Where can I find out more?**

For more information, please visit our web site ([www.latinpcs.org](http://www.latinpcs.org)) and visit the Enroll page under JOIN. You may also contact the Director of Admissions, Crystal Eleby-El, at [celebyel@latinpcs.org](mailto:celebyel@latinpcs.org) at 202.909.2194.