

At-Risk Preference at Washington Latin SY 2022-2023





Introduction

- Beginning in SY 22-23, DC public charter schools can offer an at-risk student admission preference with prior approval from DC PCSB
- The preference will remain in effect for 5 years and can be renewed for 5-year increments
- DC PCSB will release the application and evaluation rubric each year. Applications are subject to change from year to year.
- If a school is approved, it must implement the preference within two school years following approval, otherwise it will have to reapply.

Sub-Group Populations at Washington Latin PCS



Year	English Learners		Economically Disadvantaged		Special Education		At Risk	
	MS	US	MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
2012-2013	1.40%	2.00%	18.50%	39.30%	6.50%	8.20%		
2013-2014	0.00%	0.00%	22.40%	23.80%	7.10%	11.40%		
2014-2015	0.80%	2.00%	14.80%	27.00%	8.70%	10.50%	4.90%	23.40%
2015-2016	1.40%	2.80%	16.00%	24.90%	8.30%	14.00%	4.10%	19.90%
2016-2017	3.00%	0.90%	18.80%	26.00%	14.60%	13.10%	4.70%	16.70%
2017-2018	2.20%	0.90%	17.70%	26.00%	13.10%	13.90%	6.80%	16.30%
2018-2019	2.20%	0.10%	20.10%	18.40%	11.50%	12.70%	6.00%	14.20%
2019-2020	1.90%	0.90%	14.91%	15.92%	11.60%	13.70%	6.80%	14.30%
2020-2021	4.20%	2.20%	15.18%	22.01%	11.40%	14.30%	6.30%	16.20%



Quick Points

- Latin used to serve far more students designated as “at risk” (especially at the high school level) in the years before we moved to our current 2nd Street campus.
- Latin demonstrated success with those students (especially in high school) and it is that success that has driven the increasing interest in our school
 - Applications to Latin doubled in a five-year period and have continued to increase over time
- Given our mission to offer a classical education to students from across the city, we are concerned that a large population of students have not been able to benefit from what we can offer.
- It is this concern that has driven our commitment to open a second campus.

Percentage of Applications Received from At-Risk Families



Grade	SY 19-20	SY 18-19	SY 17-18
5	8%	10%	10%
6	17%	21%	17%
7	15%	21%	19%
8	20%	19%	22%
9	26%	29%	32%
10	41%	39%	N/A
11	48%	44%	N/A
12	39%	47%	N/A



Some Additional Points

- Latin serves far fewer at-risk students than most of our peers.
 - Among charter middle schools, at-risk student populations range from 6.8% to 90.7%
 - Among charter middle schools, at-risk student populations range from 8.2% to 98.9%
- There is interest from at-risk families in our model



Washington Latin's Effort to Serve More Students

- Latin hopes to serve more students designated as at-risk, primarily on our second campus.
 - This might involve a preference that could add an extra 10-15 students meeting this designation to each grade (beyond the number that would typically enroll through the MySchoolDC process).
 - Note that we do not expect the character of our school to change in any way.
- We recognize that serving more students of need may require more personnel and other resources and we have planned for this and will continue to plan for that during the 2021-2022 school.
 - Among our priorities is ensuring that we do not increase burdens of responsibility on existing staff (especially among leadership team members)



2021-2022 Planning Year

Our efforts will be focused on four areas:

1. Academic support for students.
2. Attention to social and emotional well-being.
3. School personnel support and training.
4. Family engagement.



How we can use your help

Participating in the recruitment process:

- Families
- Staff
- Volunteers