

IJLA Lottery Policy

Enrollment in Instituto Justice & Leadership Academy (IJLA) is open to any student who resides within the City of Chicago. We admit students by blind lottery, not based on grades, test scores or proximity. Students must be between the ages of 16-21 and not currently enrolled in school. IJLA does not permit dual enrollment of any student at both IJLA and another public or non-public school. IJLA's maximum enrollment per campus is no more than 165 students. IJLA does not enroll any student for the upcoming school year before February 1 of each year.

Priority for enrollment is given to students who were both enrolled in IJLA the previous school year and who completed the year in good standing. Priority will then be given to siblings of such students.

Siblings (not previously enrolled) and other prospective incoming students must submit a new application, which indicates the applicant's entry grade level, for each school year. All prospective incoming students must complete a new application each year if they are interested in being part of the lottery.

Application opens Tuesday, October 1, 2019 All applications for the lottery are due back by Friday, March 13, 2020. Applications received prior to March 13, 2020 will be either selected through the lottery process or put on a waiting list. Applications received after March 13, 2020 will be considered once the appropriate waiting list has been exhausted.

Note, siblings only have priority if applications are received prior to the lottery cut-off date. If they are received after the lottery cut-off date, they will be treated like all other applicants.

Applications for the new school year may also be considered for the current school year if any mid-year openings occur. The application form may give the option of providing ethnicity. Failure to provide this information will not affect the chance of a student being accepted for enrollment.

If the number of applicants received prior to the application cut-off date exceeds the number of openings, a lottery is held. The lottery will be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 in the IJLA lunch room located at 2570 S. Blue Island Chicago, IL 60608. If there are more sibling-applicants than openings for a given grade, a lottery will be held to select siblings. These lotteries may be observed by all applicants and the public.

A letter will be sent to Parents notifying them of the students' admittance or waitlist number within 5 business days. Students being admitted will have 10 business days to respond to the school with an acceptance or decline of admission. The student waitlist will be maintained through the end of the school year. Students will be pulled from the waitlist when both seats and enrollment is open throughout the school year.

IJLA will provide CPS with a video copy of the lottery that was conducted within 10 business days of its completion. A quarterly list will also be submitted to CPS detailing all students who were sent an acceptance letters and those who still remain on the waitlist.