

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY**

- I. Pillar Charter School shall enroll all eligible pupils who submit a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level or building.
- II. Pillar Charter School shall give enrollment preference to pupils returning to the charter school in the second or any subsequent year of its operation and to siblings of pupils already enrolled in the charter school.
- III. Pillar Charter School may give enrollment preference to children who are in foster care or meet the definition of unaccompanied youth prescribed in the McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act (42 United States Code section 11434a).
- IV. Pillar Charter School may give enrollment preference to and reserve capacity for pupils who either:
  - a. Are children, grandchildren or legal wards of any of the following:
    - i. Employees of the school.
    - ii. Employees of the charter holder.
    - iii. Members of the governing body of the school.
    - iv. Directors, officers, partners or board members of the charter holder.
- V. If remaining capacity is insufficient to enroll all pupils who submit a timely application, the charter school shall select pupils through an equitable selection process, known as a lottery, except that preference shall be given to siblings of a pupil selected through an equitable selection process such as a lottery.
- VI. Except as provided in subsections I through IV of this policy, a Pillar Charter School shall not limit admission based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability.
- VII. Pillar Charter School may limit admission to pupils within a given age group or grade level. Pillar Charter School serves students in grades 9 through twelve.
- VIII. Pillar Charter School shall admit pupils who reside in the attendance area of a school or who reside in a school district that is under a court order of desegregation or that is a party to an agreement with the United States department of education office for civil rights directed toward remediating alleged or proven racial discrimination unless notice is received from the resident school that the admission would violate the court order or agreement. If a charter school admits a pupil after notice is received that the admission would constitute such a violation, the charter school is not allowed to include in its student count the pupils wrongfully admitted.
- IX. Pillar Charter School may refuse to admit any pupil who has been expelled from another educational institution or who is in the process of being expelled from another educational institution.