



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

2026–2027 Admissions Procedure

Odyssey Charter School is a **public charter school** authorized by the State of Delaware. All Delaware residents are welcome to apply during the **statewide open enrollment period**.

1. Open Enrollment Period

- **Dates:** November 3, 2025 – January 14, 2026
- **Who can apply:** All legal residents of Delaware, including siblings, founders, employees, and new applicants.
- **How to apply:**
 - **Preferred:** Online at SchoolChoiceDE.org/ApplyInfo/Odyssey
 - **Paper application:** Available by request from the Odyssey Admissions Office.
- **Mailing note:** Applications postmarked by the deadline will be considered on time.

If more applications are received than available seats, an **electronic lottery** will be held following Delaware State Law and Odyssey's charter.

Applications submitted **after January 14, 2026** will be added to the waiting list in the order received.

Important: Applications must include proof of registration or pre-registration in a Delaware public school to be considered complete and included in the lottery.

2. Delaware Registration Requirement (Senate Bill 82)

Students **not currently enrolled** in a Delaware charter, vocational-technical, or other public school must first **register in their School of Residence** before applying.

Your School of Residence is based on your home address.

Visit education.delaware.gov/families/k12/enroll-in-public-school for registration details.

Applications missing registration/pre-registration will be marked **incomplete** and will not be entered in the lottery.

3. Lottery Process and Notification

- The **electronic lottery** will take place in **January or February 2026**.
 - **Notification of results** will be emailed or mailed by **Friday, February 27, 2026**.
 - To ensure delivery, add **HelpDesk@SchoolChoiceDE.org** to your email's trusted senders list.
 - Additional information and deadlines are available at SchoolChoiceDE.org.
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4. Greek Language Programs

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Options

Odyssey offers two programs for Kindergarten and 1st Grade:

Greek FLES Program

- Core subjects taught in English.
- Daily Greek language and Greek math classes.

Greek Immersion Program

- Half the day in English (Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies).
- Half the day in Greek (Math, Science, Greek Language & Culture).
- Students commit to continuing in the immersion track through their Odyssey enrollment.

Application Notes:

- Applicants may choose both programs (first and second choice).
- If no second choice is selected, only one program will be considered.
- Once invited to one program, students will not remain on the waitlist for the other.

Grades 2–10 Applicants

- All Odyssey students take Greek language as part of the curriculum.
 - New applicants in Grades 2–8 are placed in the **Greek FLES Program**.
 - Greek Immersion placement beyond Grade 1 is only for students who demonstrate **prior Greek language proficiency**.
 - High school students must complete **three Greek language credits** to graduate.
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5. Lottery Preferences

As allowed by Delaware law, Odyssey applies the following preferences **in this order**:

1. **Children of Founding Members** (maximum 5% of seats.)
2. **Children of current full-time Odyssey employees** who will remain employed the following year.
3. **Siblings** of students currently enrolled and returning next year.
4. **Siblings** of students newly accepted during the same lottery (if the newly accepted sibling accepts their invitation).

Once the lottery concludes, waitlist positions do not change due to later sibling admissions.

After the lottery, only the following preference may be added:

- **Children of newly hired employees** (after the open enrollment period ends) or **new children of current employees** (via adoption or marriage).
These students are placed at the end of the “Children of Employees” section of the waitlist, in order received.

6. Definition of “Sibling”

For the purpose of preference, siblings include:

- Biological or adopted siblings
- Step-siblings **residing in the same household** (Step-siblings are, by definition, children of a step-parent by a legally recognized marriage other than with one's own father or mother.)
- Foster children **residing in the same household**

Step-siblings living in different households **do not qualify** for sibling preference.

7. Applications After the Lottery

Families may still apply after open enrollment at SchoolChoiceDE.org/ApplyInfo/Odyssey.
Late applications are added to the **waitlist** in the order received.

8. Annual Application Requirement

Applications are valid for one school year only.
Families must reapply each year during open enrollment.
Waitlists **do not carry over** from year to year.

9. Grade Level Placement

Students must apply to the **next consecutive grade level** they would enter at their current school (e.g., a 1st grader applies for 2nd grade).

Students must be **academically promoted** (not just assigned) to that grade to attend Odyssey.

10. Kindergarten Eligibility

Children entering Kindergarten must turn **five years old by August 31** of the enrollment year.

An **official birth certificate** is required.

Odyssey does not offer early admission to Kindergarten.

11. Waitlist and Openings

The waitlist order is established by the lottery and preferences above.

The number of available seats may change during the year due to withdrawals, retentions, or other factors.

These changes affect availability but **not** the established waitlist order.

12. Accuracy of Application Information

If any information from the parent/guardian of any student on current or previously submitted enrollment applications is found to be false and/or an attempt to obtain unfair lottery preference or unlawful early admission, the application and enrollment will be considered null and void, and will result in the rejection of the application form, disqualification from the lottery process if applicable, withdrawal of invitation offer, and/or termination of school choice by Odyssey Charter School for any current and future applications for that student, and/or from that parent/guardian for any other student.

13. Eligibility and Non-Discrimination

Odyssey Charter School follows **Delaware Education Code Title 14**

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(i) Prohibit discrimination in admission policy on the basis of sex, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academic, artistic, or athletic ability, or the district the child would otherwise attend in accordance with this code, although the charter may provide for the exclusion of a student who has a documented history of a criminal offense, a juvenile court adjudication, or discipline problems.

Odyssey aims to reflect and serve the Delaware community and welcomes all eligible residents.

Note on Residency

Residency must be established as of the application date and verified before enrollment. The student must live with the **primary or shared custodial parent or legal guardian** at their primary home in Delaware (not a rental, vacation, or business address).

Electronic Lottery

Odyssey uses the **Delaware statewide electronic lottery system**, used by most public districts and charters.

This system ensures a **fair, efficient, and transparent** process with no human bias or error.

Apply at SchoolChoiceDE.org.