

Weighted Lottery Policy

Pursuant to the Nevada Department of Education Regulation R131-16 Sec. 12, Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada (PANN) adopts this policy to ensure that the student population of PANN will closely resemble the student population of the community where the school is located. PANN will accomplish this by giving a weighted preference of 2.0 in its enrollment lotteries to students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch. The weighted lottery will take place only if it is determined that the percentage of students at the PANN campus who qualify for free and reduced lunch is less than 90% of the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch in Washoe County School District. The process for the weighted lottery will be as follows:

- 1) Prior to the enrollment lottery at a PANN campus, the campus will determine the percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch in Washoe County School District, rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent ("FRL Comparison %). Data used for this comparison percentage will be taken from the most recent full year data available on www.nevadareportcard.nv.gov.
- 2) The FRL Comparison % will then be compared to the validated current school year free and reduced lunch percentage at the PANN campus ("PANN FRL %).
- 3) If the PANN FRL % is less than 90% of the FRL Comparison %, the weighted lottery will apply. If the PANN FRL % is greater than or equal to 90% of the FRL Comparison %, the weighted lottery will not apply.

Example #1: if the FRL Comparison % is 50% and the PANN FRL % is 44%, the weighted lottery will apply.

Example #2: if the FRL Comparison % is 50% and the PANN FRL % is 45%, the weighted lottery will not apply.

- 4) If the weighted lottery is applied, a weight of 2.0 will be applied to each applicant who provides sufficient documentation to indicate they would have qualified for free and reduced lunch based on the previous year's USDA income guidelines for free and reduced lunch.
- 5) Pinecrest Academy's enrollment application will be revised to request that applying students inform PANN whether they are:
 - a. Eligible for TANF, SNAP, FDPIR, or Medicaid, or
 - b. Qualified for a free or reduced price lunch at their previous school, or
 - c. Eligible to receive a free or reduced price lunch.
- 6) Any student who indicates they are eligible for the 2.0 weighting in the enrollment lottery will be asked to complete and sign an income verification form and provide proof of current income or provide proof of current FRL eligibility at least three days prior to the lottery date. Any refusal to provide the required documentation necessary to validate eligibility

for the weighted lottery will result in the student receiving a standard 1.0 weight in the enrollment lottery.

- 7) Qualifying for a 2.0 weight in the PANN enrollment lottery DOES NOT qualify the student for free or reduced price lunch. In order to qualify for free or reduced price lunch, the parent will have to complete the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals released by the USDA in July of each year.
- 8) In the event a weighted lottery is not applied, any information collected for the purpose of the weighted lottery will not be used in any way by PANN.

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