



RSIS/SEA Kindergarten Magnet Lottery Frequently Asked Questions



What grade level is the lottery for?

The lottery is only for students enrolling in kindergarten for the first time. Admission/transfer to other grade levels is processed via [Enrollment Options](#).

How many kindergarten spots are available?

There are 132 spots at RSIS and 66 spots at SEA for incoming kindergarten students. SEA has fewer seats available because it is a much smaller school.

Can I apply to both RSIS and SEA? Will applying to both schools affect my chances in the lottery?

Yes, you can apply to both magnet schools. You will have equal opportunity in the lottery.

Can I apply to the magnet schools and my attendance area school?

Yes. It is recommended that families also apply to their attendance area school, as a limited number of spaces are available at RSIS and SEA.

Can I apply if I do not live in the Robbinsdale school district?

Yes. A percentage of seats are reserved for non-resident applicants.

What if I have twins/triplets applying?

You can enter information for multiple students on one application form. According to Administrative Procedure 599AP, "in the event that siblings from the same grade apply, only one name shall be entered into the lottery and if selected, each of those students shall be admitted."

If my child's older sibling is currently enrolled at RSIS, SEA, or in the middle school Spanish Immersion (PMS) or STEM (RMS) programs, do I need to fill out an application?

Yes. You must submit an application before the application deadline in order for your child to be eligible for automatic enrollment.

Is transportation provided?

Free transportation is provided to residents of Robbinsdale Area Schools. Minneapolis residents may also qualify for transportation. (Call 763-504-8063 for more information concerning eligibility.) Please keep in mind that bus routes to the magnet schools may be longer than to other schools. Bus stop information is mailed to all district residents in late August.

When do I find out the lottery results?

Lottery results will be available starting March 8th, 2017. Families who complete the online application will be notified of their admission status via email and will be able to view their results by visiting magnetlottery.rdale.org by using their email address and the password that was generated during the application process. Lottery results will be mailed to families who complete paper applications starting March 8th.

The lottery will be run weekly until all seats are accepted and as needed when kindergarten seats become available throughout the school year.

How can my older child enroll at RSIS or SEA?

RSIS, grades 1-5: Robbinsdale students in grades 1-5 can submit a school transfer form for possible admission. Prospective students residing outside the district can submit an open enrollment form for possible admission. According to Administrative Procedure 509AP, Enrollment Options, new students requesting entrance to RSIS must have prior language immersion experience or demonstrate grade level language competency. Typically, new students are able to demonstrate grade level language competency if they are transferring from another immersion school, have a native Spanish speaker in the family, or have an extensive Spanish background.

SEA, grades 1-5: Robbinsdale students in grades 1-5 can submit a school transfer form for possible admission. Prospective students residing outside the district can submit an open enrollment form for possible admission.

Do I need to reapply each year?

No. Once enrolled, students may remain at the magnet school as long as their enrollment continues uninterrupted.

Why am I being asked to submit the Family Financial Determination form?

A certain number of seats are reserved for families meeting specific income guidelines. If you are unsure of whether you qualify, we encourage you to submit the form.

How do I know that my application and Family Financial Determination form have been received?

We will send email confirmation regarding receipt of both the application and Family Financial Determination form to all online applicants. Families who submit paper applications will receive confirmation via U.S. mail. *If you do not receive an email or written confirmation stating that your application and/or Family Financial Determination form have been received, it is your responsibility to contact us at magnetapplication@rdale.org or by calling Molly Olson at 763-504-8033.* Applications and Family Financial Determination forms received electronically or postmarked after 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017 will **not** be accepted.

How can I find out more about RSIS or SEA?

Visit their websites: rsi.rdale.org or sea.rdale.org. You may also contact the school secretaries at 763-504-4400 (RSI) and 763-504-7200 (SEA) to schedule a tour.

Please join us at the upcoming information nights for parents:

SEA Information Night: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Spanish-speaking families, please arrive by 5:30 pm.

1751 Kelly Drive, Golden Valley

RSI Information Night: Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

8808 Medicine Lake Road, New Hope