



John Rex 2019-20 Enrollment Criteria Changes Q&A

1. Why is the school amending its enrollment criteria for the 2019-20 school year?

Since the school opened in 2014, the population of downtown Oklahoma City has expanded and interest in our school has grown significantly. However, we have limited classroom space. The Board recently voted to amend our enrollment criteria to better plan for the future and this heightened demand.

2. What's changing about enrollment moving forward in 2019-20?

The two biggest revisions moving forward impact enrollment of siblings and applications from Tier 4. Legal siblings will be guaranteed enrollment when they enter JRCS as pre-K students. All other siblings will follow the regular enrollment protocol.

Additionally, we will no longer accept applications from Tier 4. All students must now reside in the OKCPS district boundaries or have a parent or guardian who is employed within the JRCS attendance boundaries.

One thing that will not change is our charter. We will continue to welcome any student residing within the Tier 1 attendance zone; however, all students, regardless of admission year or tier, must annually re-verify residency by submitting required documentation and completing all required re-enrollment forms. All students must be in good standing at the time of re-verification.

3. Why aren't applications from Tier 4 being accepted?

The demand is so high in Tiers 1-3 that we don't have the capacity to accept students from outside of the OKCPS district or without a parent or guardian who works within the JRCS attendance boundaries. Students who formerly would have been Tier 4 are no longer eligible for the lottery.

Information on the remaining priority levels can be found on our website at johnrexschool.org.

4. Will current Rex Rockets be impacted by the changes to applications from Tier 4?

All students who enrolled in JRCS during Missions 1-2 are grandfathered in and guaranteed a seat. Students who enrolled during Missions 3-5 who have a change in residency or employment that places them in Tier 4 will have to reapply and go through the next lottery.

No Tier 4 applications will be accepted for students enrolling in 2019-20 school year and beyond.



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5. If my child currently attends JRCS, will he or she be eligible to attend next year?

Yes! All students enrolled in the school prior to the 2019-20 school year are grandfathered under the current applicable enrollment/admission policy. All students, regardless of admission year or admission tier, will be required to semi-annually reverify residency, submit requested documentation, complete all required re-enrollment forms and remain in good standing. Good standing could be impacted if a child is chronically absent or has severe behavioral issues.

6. Why do I have to present a utility bill or employment documentation on a semi-annual basis?

In past years, the school asked for enrollment criteria on a sporadic basis. However, the growth of our program demands we become more diligent in verifying records each semester. The school asks for these records to ensure equity and transparency for all.

7. If I currently have a child enrolled at JRCS, can I enroll a brother or sister as well?

Current families have been surveyed, and we have identified the siblings to be enrolled next year. Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, only pre-K siblings are given priority admission.

8. What's the legal definition of a sibling?

Sibling means a biologically or legally related brother or sister of a child. This does not include children who live together but aren't legally siblings.

9. What happens if one of my children gets accepted to John Rex and the other does not?

While we would love for families to stay together throughout their school journey, this is not always possible due to limited classroom space.

10. If my child misses school too much, will he or she lose their seat at John Rex?

The state defines chronic absenteeism as being out of the classroom more than 10% of the school year. A child who misses too much instructional time may lose their eligibility, unless it's a documented medical absence.

11. If my child misbehaves, is he or she guaranteed enrollment next year?

JRCS works with every student to ensure they are learning to their fullest potential while not disrupting the classroom or their schoolmates. Children who misbehave are given opportunities for correction. If the problem becomes severe, these students may lose their eligibility for enrollment.



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12. What happens if my tier level changes?

If a family's tier level changes, we require them to report the change to the main office. Students will be permitted to complete the school year regardless of the change.

If the residence or employment of a family changes during the school year resulting in a change to a less advantageous tier than at the time of original admission, the student shall be required to re-apply for admission to the school and enter the lottery for the next school year based on their new tier.

If the student is no longer eligible for Tiers 1-3, he or she will not be able to participate in the lottery.

13. Do the enrollment criteria apply to middle school students?

Yes! The admissions process is the same for all grades.

14. Which tiers go through the lottery?

Tier 1 is not subject to the lottery. When the number of eligible students applying for admission exceeds the capacity of the school/grade level, the Head of School will conduct a lottery, which shall be held within the priority level (Tiers 2-3) and/or grade level that is oversubscribed, to select the student(s) that may be admitted to John Rex.