

Making Waves Academy in Richmond

Making Waves Academy (MWA) is a tuition-free public charter school that rigorously and holistically prepares students to gain acceptance to and graduate from college, with minimal college debt.

How to Apply:

- MWA has 168 openings in 5th grade for the 2019–2020 school year.
- Applicants for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will be put on a waitlist until a spot opens.
- Students will be selected via a lottery—application opening on **October 1, 2018** and closing on **February 15, 2019**.

Lottery application available online at <http://enrollwcc.org>

Email info@mwacademy.org for more information.



Learn. Graduate. Give Back.

makingwavesacademy.org/enroll
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About Making Waves Academy

MWA's first campus, established in 2007, serves more than 900 5th-12th graders in Richmond.



MWA offers:



School Safety:

MWA runs monthly safety drills and has an innovative violence prevention and conflict resolution program.



Holistic Approach:

MWA focuses on social-emotional development, rigorous college preparation, and giving back to the community.



Academic Support and Achievement:

MWA provides differentiated instruction for all students and has robust support programs for those performing in the lowest quartile.



High Graduation Rate:

In 2018, 96% of seniors graduated.



College Preparation:

More than 95% of graduates are enrolled in post-secondary programs: about 70% in four-year colleges and universities and about 25% in two-year colleges.



MAKING WAVES ACADEMY LOTTERY FAQs

This document addresses Making Waves Academy Middle School frequently asked lottery & admission questions. If you have a question that is not addressed here, please email info@mwacademy.org.

1. What are my chances of being admitted?

The lottery will place students in the fifth grade. If your student is applying as a sixth, seventh, or eighth grader, they will be placed on the waitlist, as there are currently no open spaces.

The chances of being selected in the lottery vary significantly by grade level. Making Waves Academy uses a computerized process that chooses students randomly and factors in the priorities of our charter.

Because we do not know how many students at each particular grade and priority level will apply each year, it is impossible to predict odds of an applicant getting in. We typically receive about twice as many applications as we have available spots.

If you have applied for a grade other than 5th, there will be VERY LIMITED SPACES (if any) available. We will not know how many spaces we will have available possibly until mid-June, but if there are any spaces available, please keep in mind that there will be extremely few openings.

2. How does Making waves Academy prioritize who gets in?

Our charter prioritizes students based on the following criteria:

- A.** Siblings of students in Making Waves Education Program and Making Waves Academy.
- B.** Children of Making Waves Academy employees.
- C.** Students who live in the West Contra Costa Unified School District attendance area and are eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals.
- D.** Students who live in Contra Costa County but outside of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and are eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals.
- E.** Students who live in the West Contra Costa Unified School District attendance area and are not eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals.
- F.** All other eligible applicants

3. What if I have two or more students in the lottery and one gets in but the others do not?

MWA gives siblings of Wave-Makers priority in the lottery. If one of your students is accepted, the other student will be placed near the top of the waitlist, since they will now be a sibling of a Wave-Maker.

4. When will I find out if my student was accepted?

You will receive a text message or an email from Schoolmint on the day following the lottery. You can also log on to your Schoolmint account the following day.

5. What happens after my child is accepted?

After your child is accepted, you will need to confirm your intent to register at Making Waves Academy by logging in to your Schoolmint account on or before Friday, March 29th. You will then receive further information through Schoolmint to complete the enrollment process.

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6. What happens if my child is not accepted?

Students who apply and are not admitted are automatically placed in the waiting pool based on the lottery priorities. You will receive communication from Schoolmint via text or email letting you know where your student has been placed on the waitlist.

Spots are filled on a rolling basis whenever a space opens up at one of our schools. We contact the family through the email, text or phone number listed on the application.

We will contact you if your child is selected. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

7. What else do I need to know?

The Making Waves Academy Lottery night is an event that provides transparency to families about how the student selection process takes place. It is not designed to show you the results of the lottery immediately. It is designed to make sure that you understand the process of how students are selected. It is a requirement that we hold a public lottery to be in compliance with state mandates.

You will NOT receive your results on the night of the lottery. Instead, you will receive the results via text or email through Schoolmint on the following day.

You are NOT required to attend the lottery.

The results of the lottery process will be communicated through schoolmint on the following day.