

Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity

Admissions Policy

January 2018

It is the policy of the Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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2018-2019 Admission Procedure Timeline

All students are eligible to apply for grades PK – 8 if they reside in any of the following school districts: Houston, Katy, Crosby, Bryan or College Station.

Students currently enrolled in the Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity will receive an *Intent to Return* Form in early January. If parents intend for their child(ren) to attend the Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity for the 2018-2019 school year, they are to notify the school in writing by returning the Intent to Return form no later than Thursday, February 1st, 2018. Currently-enrolled students expressing a desire to return and who continue to reside within the approved geographical boundaries are automatically enrolled for the following school year upon timely receipt of the enrollment application forms. Vacancies in each grade level are determined based on the number of application forms returned. In the admissions process, siblings of returning students in the 2018-2019 school year are given priority. Any currently enrolled student without an Intent to Return form will be removed from the 2018-2019 enrollment roster on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2018 in order to make room for new enrollees.

If the number of eligible applicants does not exceed the number of vacancies, then all eligible applicants who applied during the enrollment time frame will be offered admission after the open enrollment period is completed. The enrollment time frame is from Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 through Wednesday, February 28th, 2018. If there are more eligible applicants than available space in a grade, then admission for any remaining spaces shall be determined by lottery, except that siblings of admitted or returning students are exempt from the lottery and may be given priority in admission. The lottery will be held during the week of March 5th, 2018.

During the lottery, a name is drawn for each vacancy that is available. Each eligible applicant's name drawn will be offered admission into the Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity to fill spaces in that grade level. Once available spaces are exhausted, the remaining names are drawn and placed on the waiting list in the order that they were drawn. BSIC will begin notifying accepted applicants during the week of March 12th, 2018. Students admitted into the school will be notified, as well as students who are placed on a waiting list.

If an additional vacancy occurs before the start of school or during the school year, the student with the lowest number on the waiting list will be offered enrollment and that name will be removed from the waiting list. If an application is received after the enrollment period, the applicant's name will be placed on the waiting list in the order the application is received. In order to accommodate our families, if more than one student on the waiting list has a sibling attending BSIC, a drawing will be held between the eligible siblings to determine admission.

The Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity does not discriminate on acceptance into the school based on gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academic, artistic, or athletic ability or the district the child would otherwise attend.

The Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity will deny admission to students with a documented history of criminal offense, juvenile court adjudication, suspension or expulsion from a previous school, or discipline problems under TEC Chapter 37.

Siblings Preference Policy

The Brazos School for Inquiry and Creativity has created the Sibling Preference Policy to help families with more than one child in school. Enrollment preference is given to applicants whose siblings are enrolled at the Brazos School. We define siblings as children that share the same parent, guardian and/or caregiver, and reside in the same household.

When a lottery takes place, siblings will be admitted first, if space is available. When a waiting list exists for a particular grade, siblings will be placed 1st on the waiting list. If there is more than one sibling to be placed on the waiting list for a particular grade, a siblings' lottery will be done in order to assign them a position on this waiting list.