

TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION		
CHARTER SCHOOL OUT OF DISTRICT ENROLLMENT		6206.01
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Participation in each authorized charter school shall be based on the choice of the parent, legal guardian, or custodian. All eligible students who submit a timely application shall be enrolled in the school, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the program, in which case enrollment preferences and a lottery shall be instituted pursuant to state law and State Board rules.

Authorized charter schools may permit out-of-district enrollment for students residing outside of the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located.¹ When “the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building...,”² and a lottery is conducted, the lottery process will follow the enrollment priority of state law.³ The Commission authorizes out of district enrollment under the following conditions:

- 1) Any authorized charter school may give preference to students for out of district enrollment not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the public charter school’s total enrollment in a school year; and,
- 2) Students residing outside of the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located shall be the final group entered into the lottery for enrollment purposes in accordance with statute.⁴

The Commission shall coordinate with the school leader/designee to monitor the charter school’s compliance with applicable Commission policies. Additionally, the Commission shall coordinate with the school leader/designee to monitor fiscal responsibility associated with such out of district enrollment.⁵

¹ T.C.A. 49-13-113.

² *Id.* at (d)(3).

³ *Id.* at (d)(4).

⁴ *Id.* at (d)(4)(F).

⁵ T.C.A. 49-6-3003.