



## THE RHODES SCHOOL | FAQ 2016-2017

Enrollment FAQs New Students Who is eligible to attend The Rhodes School? The Rhodes School is an open-enrollment charter school that serves \*PK-4 through 8th grade students. Students who live in the following school districts may apply: Galena Park, Sheldon, Channelview, Crosby, Humble, Houston, Goose Creek, Spring, Alief and Aldine. \*PK-4 students must meet federal eligibility requirements. See question 3 below for eligibility information. Will the Rhodes School serve PK3 students for the 2016-17 School Year? No. Students must be 4 on or before September 1, to be eligible to attend The Rhodes School. Our campus sites offer a full day early learning program in partnership with The University of Texas. Three year olds Students who attend the early learning program for the full year will be given preference when applying to The Rhodes School in the following year. How will my student be considered eligible for PK4? A child must be at least four on or before September 1 and meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be Limited English Proficient (i.e. does not speak and comprehend the English language)
2. Be Educationally disadvantaged, determined by eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program established under 42 U.S.C. Section 1751 et seq.
3. Be Homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child.
4. The child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority./
5. The child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.
6. Is or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code. The age and qualifying guidelines are set by the State of Texas, not The Rhodes School. How old does my child need to be to apply for Kindergarten? Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016 to be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2016-17



School Year. How do I enroll my new student? 2016 enrollment dates are February 17, 2016 to April 29, 2016.

To apply, go online to [www.rhodesschool.org](http://www.rhodesschool.org); click on the SchoolMint link on the admissions page and create an account. Once you have created the account follow the prompts to finish the application. Please be advised that completing the application is only the first step, and does not guarantee enrollment. Can I submit one New Student Application of Interest at multiple campuses for the same student? No. You will only be allowed to submit one application. If you submit more than one application for the same student, only the first one will count and all others will be voided. What happens after I submit an Application of Interest Form? Once you have completed the Application of Interest Form, your child will be entered into a lottery process. The lottery process will start after the new student Application of Interest Form closes. We strongly encourage all parents to attend information sessions that will help you to learn more about The Rhodes School and to help answer any questions you may have about The Rhodes School or the process. The lottery will take place May 19, 2016. How does the lottery work? Students' names are drawn at random and every student will be given a number in the order his/her name was drawn. Each Rhodes School Campus is focused on, when possible, serving families in the community near each school.

We encourage families to fill out a form for the Campus where they have priority based THE RHODES SCHOOL | FAQ 2016-2017 on their zip code. Where open seats are available, children receive prioritization in the lottery for each Rhodes School Campus in the following order:

- a. Siblings of students who currently attend The Rhodes School.
- b. Students whose parent/guardian is a member of the Board of Directors or an Employee at The Rhodes School.
- c. Current PK3 students that are applying for PK4.
- d. Eligible students who attend our onsite daycares for the full year e. All children who live in a specific Rhodes School Campus' zip code zone.
- f. All children who live outside the zip code zone of the Rhodes School Campus they are applying to. Is anyone given preference in the enrollment process and lottery? Yes. The following categories of students are given weighted preference during the lottery:
  1. Siblings of students who currently attend The Rhodes School



2. Students whose parent/guardian is a member of the Board of Directors or an Employee at The Rhodes School.

3. Current PK3 students applying for PK4.

4. Eligible students who attend our onsite daycare for the full year How does The Rhodes School define a "sibling" for enrollment purposes? "Sibling" means a person with whom a child shares one or both parents in common by blood, adoption, or marriage, even if the marriage was terminated by death or dissolution. Siblings reside at least 50% of the time in the same household. How will my twins/triplets/multiples be handled in the lottery process?

Parents of twins, triplets, or multiples applying to the same grade will complete one New Student Application of Interest Form per child. Twins, triplets or multiples applying to the same grade will receive a unique lottery number per child and will be placed during the lottery into the desired grade or wait list in individual, yet consecutive, slots. THE RHODES SCHOOL | FAQ 2016-2017 If I am applying for full-time employment at The Rhodes School, will my child be given preference in the lottery? No. Children of prospective full-time employees will participate in the lottery without the employee preference. The availability of seats and student placement will be discussed at the time of employment. How will I learn the results of the lottery and know if my student has been granted a seat? You will be notified via email if you have been granted a seat or not at The Rhodes School. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that The Rhodes School has the most updated contact information (phone, mailing address and email address) in SchoolMint for notification purposes. What happens once I am notified that my child(ren) has been granted an available seat?

All students who have been granted an available seat must complete a registration packet online through your SchoolMint Account. You must complete and upload all valid supporting documents by June 24, 2016, or their seat will be forfeited. What if my child does not make the lottery this school year? If your child's name is not selected in the lottery and all of the open seats at your Rhodes School Campus in the appropriate grade level are filled, your child's name will be placed on the school's waiting list for that school year only. Waitlists are not carried forward from year to year. If you are not contacted about enrollment during the current school year, you will have to reapply the following year. Will the grade level wait lists for the current school year carry over into the enrollment period for the following school year? No. Wait lists are terminated each year and do not carry over. The wait list is terminated prior to the lottery event for the following school year. Will my student have to participate in the lottery each year?



No. Once officially enrolled, all Rhodes School students will remain enrolled for future years, subject to continued residency within the district, and other academic and disciplinary guidelines as stated in the Student Handbook. In the THE RHODES SCHOOL | FAQ 2016-2017 spring of each school year, you will be asked to complete an Intent to Return Form for current student for the next school year to ensure your spot for the new school year. Will my child be able to enroll mid-year? In the event that a seat becomes available during the first semester of any school year, the Admissions Office will contact the family at the top of the wait list for that grade to discuss their interest. What is an Information Session and where do I sign-up? Information sessions are designed to give prospective parents an overview of our school and what they can expect if their family decides to become part of our school community. Information sessions give parents insight about our academic philosophy, academic plan, school life, and activities, and a detailed explanation of the enrollment process. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer period. Parents may register to attend one of the sessions below: •

- February 28, 2016- 10:15 a.m.- at Living Word Campus 6601 Antoine Dr.
- March 6, 2016- 10:15 a.m.- at Living Word Campus 6601 Antoine Dr.
- March 24, 2016- 6:00 p.m.- at Northshore Campus 12818 Tidwell Rd.
- March 31, 2016- 6:00 p.m.- at Northshore Campus 12818 Tidwell Rd.
- April 2, 2016- 10:00 a.m.- at Living Word Campus 6601 Antoine Dr.
- April 2, 2016- 11:30 a.m.- at Living Word Campus 6601 Antoine Dr.
- April 2, 2016- 1:00 p.m.- at Southeast Campus 5874 Bellfort St.
- April 2, 2016- 2:30 p.m.- at Southeast Campus 5874 Bellfort St.
- April 9, 2016- 10:00 a.m.-at Northshore Campus 12818 Tidwell Rd.
- April 9, 2016- 11:30 a.m.-at Northshore Campus 12818 Tidwell Rd.
- April 9, 2016- 1:00 p.m.- at Southeast Campus 5874 Bellfort St.
- April 9, 2016- 2:30 p.m.- at Southeast Campus 5874 Bellfort St.
- April 30, 2016- 10:00 a.m.- at Humble Campus 600 Charles St.
- May 12, 2016- 6:00 p.m.- at Southeast Campus 5874 Bellfort St.

THE RHODES SCHOOL | FAQ 2016-2017 • You will have the opportunity to sign-up for a session through the Application of Interest Form. Returning Students Do current Rhodes School students need to re-enroll each year? Yes. Rhodes School students have to re-enroll each year to guarantee your spot for the upcoming year. Failure to re-enroll will result in you forfeiting your spot for the new school year. Current students re-enroll by completing an INTENT TO RETURN FORM. The Intent to Return Form must be completed by the deadline, or the student will have to apply as a new student without any preference. What is the process of re-enrollment? Re-enrollment is a 2 part process.



During the first part, SchoolMint will send you a link via email and text to create an account and to verify and update contact information and to complete the Intent to Return. The first part must be complete by Wednesday March 30, 2016. If you do not complete the first part by the deadline you will forfeit your spot and have to re-apply as a new student. The second part of re-enrollment will take place in June 2016 where parents will go back to their SchoolMint account and finish all forms necessary to re-enroll your child for the 2016-2017 School Year. Email and text notifications will be sent out to parents when the second part of re-enrollment is ready for you to complete. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that The Rhodes School has the most updated contact information (phone, mailing address and email address) in their SchoolMint account for notification purposes. By State Law, we are required to have updated forms every school year for each student. Do current PK3 Rhodes School students need to re-apply during this process? Yes. Current PK3 students will have to apply as a new student for our PK4 program for the 2016-2017 School Year. You must submit a New Student Application of Interest. You will be given priority in the lottery process. Please remember that all PK4 must be eligible to be considered for enrollment. THE RHODES SCHOOL | FAQ 2016-2017 Whom can I contact to discuss questions related to enrollment that are not covered on the Enrollment page or FAQ page of the school's website?

The Rhodes School Admissions

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