

# OPAL SCHOOL

of the Portland Children's Museum



## K-5 Lottery Enrollment Form School Year 2009-2010

### HOW THE LOTTERY PROCESS WORKS

Opal Charter School is a kindergarten through fifth grade public elementary school.

#### Pre-Registration Period

Families of current Opal students and eligible siblings pre-register in March 2009 if they intend to return in the fall.

#### Lottery Process

The 2009-10 lottery season opens March 1, 2009 and closes March 31, 2009. Each lottery application will be assigned a number. Then, a computer program generates all the numbers on a list in random order. This process will take place in April after all the data has been entered from the lottery enrollment forms.

Children will be placed by grade in the order they were selected in the lottery. When open spots fill, the remaining families are placed on a wait list (in the order their number was selected). Families on the wait list are contacted as spaces become available.

**Out of district applicants are considered separately and only telephoned when all in-district applicants have been phoned. Out of state applicants must have a street address within the Portland Public School district by August 1<sup>st</sup> to retain their placement in the school if selected through the lottery.**

#### Orientation Meetings and Classroom Visits

Once children are selected through the lottery process, families will be notified and invited to attend an orientation meeting and to visit the classrooms. Families are given ample opportunity to see if Opal is a school that they would like their child to attend. If some families choose not to register their children after the orientation meeting or should a space open, we start at the top of the lottery "wait list" to select new names. This process continues until all spaces are filled for the 2009-10 school year. Names from this or previous lotteries are not carried over from year to year. Families who enrolled in the '09-'10 lottery must re-enroll in the '10-'11 lottery if they wish to try again.

#### Notification for Families not Selected by Lottery

Once the registration process is complete, families who were not selected by the lottery process will receive a letter informing them of the lottery results. Our goal is to complete the entire process by mid-May.

#### What Next?

If you are interested in entering the 2009-10 Opal Charter School lottery, please fill out the following form completely and accurately. Applications must be received by 5:00pm Tuesday, March 31, 2009. *One application per family.*

*\*Please note that Opal School does not accept early applicants to kindergarten. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2009 in order to be enrolled in the lottery.*

# Opal Charter School Lottery Form

RECORD #	LOTTERY #
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STUDENT INFORMATION				
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	DOB (mm/dd/yy)	Gender <b>M F</b>
Program (choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> AM Kindergarten <input type="checkbox"/> AM & PM Kindergarten <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5				
(Additional Student)				
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	DOB (mm/dd/yy)	Gender <b>M F</b>
Program (choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> AM Kindergarten <input type="checkbox"/> AM & PM Kindergarten <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5				
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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION				
Parent/Guardian #1 (First, Middle, Last)		Relationship to Student	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Address			Work Phone	
City	State	Zip	Preferred Email Address	
Parent/Guardian #2 (First, Middle, Last)		Relationship to Student	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Address			Work Phone	
City	State	Zip	Preferred Email Address	
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL INFORMATION				
Neighborhood School Name				
Neighborhood School District				
My child currently attends (school name/district)				
Parent/Guardian Signature			Date	

## OPAL CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE PORTLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SCHEDULE AND FEES

Opal Charter School Kindergarten Fees. The charter offers a morning kindergarten program at no charge and a full-day kindergarten program for a monthly tuition fee of \$300. If your family qualifies for reduced or free status\*, the fees are reduced accordingly. AM Kindergarten is from 8:30 to 11:30.

K-5 Materials fee - \$38/month per child for the following: all school and art supplies, snacks, fieldtrip expenses and a school photo. Families qualifying for reduced or free status\* have fees reduced accordingly.

Daily Schedule – School begins at 8:30 and ends at 2:30 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Every Wednesday is an early dismissal day for teacher planning. All children (except AM Kindergarten) leave school at 1:30pm on Wednesdays. Opal Charter School generally follows the Portland Public School's calendar year.

\*Please apply for free/reduced status through Portland Public Schools Nutrition Services Department.

Interested in improving education for ALL children? Check this box  and you will be contacted by STAND FOR CHILDREN, an advocacy organization that seeks grassroots solutions for lasting change.

### OPTIONAL APPLICANT SURVEY

*Please Note – The optional survey below is designed to provide information regarding the lottery pool to plan and help in the outreach of the Opal School Community. Results of this survey will neither help nor hinder the applicant in the lottery process. Results from this survey are kept separate from lottery information.*

Student's Ethnicity (choose any that apply)

African American    Asian/Pacific Islander    Hispanic    Native American    White    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student been assessed and received ESL/Bilingual Services?    **Yes**    **No**

*If no, do you think the student may need these services?*    **Yes**    **No**

Does the student have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or an Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) or another plan?

**Yes**    **No**

*If no, do you think the student may need Special Education services?*    **Yes**    **No**

Reason you are applying to Opal Charter School?

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How did you find out about Portland Children's Museum's Opal Charter School? (check all that apply)

- Museum Newsletter
- Opal Parent
- Friend
- Visiting Children's Museum
- Website
- Newspaper (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed application to:**

*Portland Children's Museum, Attn: Opal Charter School, 4015 SW Canyon Rd, Portland, OR, 97221. Applications may also be returned to the front desk of the Museum, please mark "Attention: Opal Charter School" on the envelope.*