



John L. Ory

Communication Arts Magnet School

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Joining together to create a love for learning while treating others with respect.

Lottery Selection Process

To maintain the 50/50 racial composition of the school, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The list of names of all applicants entered the lottery is available in the front office on April 7, 2026. Applicants should look for the child's name on the list. School officials should be notified immediately of any discrepancy. Parents are expected to check the application for accuracy and correct any errors. Once the lottery selection begins, no challenges of discrepancy may be voiced.
2. Parents have not successfully applied unless they receive a confirmation number. Parents are advised to print the application as proof of completion and entering the lottery.
3. All student application information has been entered into a database. Each application has been ordered alphabetically by grade level for which the student is applying. Before the lottery selection process, the applications will be cross-checked for correct grade level of application, sibling data and for correct racial information at the time of acceptance.
4. Students will be placed at the bottom of the correct grade level if the grade level indicated on the application is incorrect.
5. Student Selection
 - a. In order to bring about a better racial composition in all grades, applicants will be divided into two groups: majority race and minority race.
 - b. Kindergarten applicants will be selected equally from each group, with **children and grandchildren** of John L. Ory faculty and staff selected first, followed by siblings of current John L. Ory students.
 - c. Numbers will be selected at random using a computer based lottery software program.

- d. A representative from the St. John Parish Public Schools Central Office Administration will be present as a witness. This process is a part of the St. John Parish Desegregation Plan and has been approved by the courts.
- e. Siblings of currently attending students will be given first preference in the selection process and will be accepted as space is available and provided the racial balance is maintained. Siblings of selected students from the lottery will be given the sibling preference once the selected student has attended Ory for one year.
- f. There will be 20 majority and 20 minority Kindergarten students initially accepted, with all remaining students placed on a waiting list. All applicants in grades 1-8 and remaining Kindergarten applicants will be placed on a waiting list until promotion of students from the current year has been determined.
- g. Sibling is defined as two students who have at least one parent in common documented on the birth certificate. Blended families (stepchildren) qualify for sibling preference with a valid Marriage License.
- h. All applicants will be notified of their placement in the lottery process via the email address that was provided on the application the following business day after the lottery selection has been completed. Notice of selection or number on the waiting list may also be viewed online at <http://www.oryapplicant.net>.
- i. If any of the applicants that are selected withdraw their application, the applicant that is next on the list will be selected and the parents notified. Information will not be provided over the phone. Kindergarten parents will be asked to accept or reject admission into John L. Ory Magnet by April 29, 2026.
- j. All Kindergarten students that are selected to attend Ory Magnet School for the 2026-2027 school year will be required to attend an orientation session on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

My signature denotes that the lottery selection process was implemented with fidelity.
