



## THE WASHINGTON LATIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

### **ENROLLMENT POLICY**

A publicly chartered school, The Washington Latin Public Charter School's admissions policy meets enrollment guidelines set by the DC Public Charter School Board. Free and accessible to families from all eight wards of the District, the school seeks young women and men of good character who are eager to learn and willing to work. Latin's process of admissions is not designed to exclude any student. It is a simple, straightforward process devised to help families make informed choices.

### **2009-2010 School Year Applications**

Latin is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for **grades 5-9** from December 1, 2009 - March 5, 2010. Applications received by March 5, 2010 will be included in a lottery if the number of applicants exceeds openings. The lottery is a system of random selection that identifies students for enrollment and generates the school's waiting list.

### **Re-enrollment Process for Current Students**

The Washington Latin School will require students enrolled in grades 5-10 for the 2009-2010 school year to re-enroll for grades 6-11 next year. This process will take place the month of February 2010 allowing the school to determine the number of seats available for new applicants.

### **Enrollment Process – Lottery and Wait List**

After re-enrolling current students and taking into account capacity, the school will determine the number of seats available to applicants. The school will hold a lottery in March 2010 if there are more applicants than seats available in a grade.

At the lottery, school representative will publicly draw names of students who applied by March 5, 2010 in random order and enroll them until capacity is reached for that grade. The school will place remaining applicants on a wait list by grade level to be numbered based in order of the date their application was received. Students who apply after the lottery day will join the wait list by grade level as their applications are received, on a first come first served basis.

### **Sibling Preference Policy**

The Washington Latin Public Charter School grants preference to siblings of current students during the enrollment period. Applicants whose siblings are current students at Latin will be enrolled prior to the lottery. For a parent who submits applications for siblings prior to the March 5, 2010 deadline, if one of the siblings is chosen in the lottery, the other siblings will be enrolled as long as a seat is available in the siblings' grade levels.