



Sibling Criteria

Pride Academy Charter School
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A sibling of a student at Pride Academy must meet the following criteria in order to receive preference in admission:

- Be a resident of East Orange, Newark, or Orange. If the enrolled student at Pride Academy is a resident of a district other than the ones listed, then the sibling to this student must reside in the same district as the enrolled student and will receive preference after all in-district sibling students have been placed.

and also meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a common biological mother or father **or**,
- Have a common legal guardian **or**,
- Be a brother or sister through marriage or civil union, **or**
- Be the child of a parent who is the legal guardian of the child considered a sibling

To avoid any confusion or disappointment, please be aware of the following:

- Cousins are not considered siblings.
- If the sibling relationship is determined by a parent who is *not given* on both your enrolled child's and the sibling's birth certificate, you will need to bring in legal, official documentation that confirms that your child is a sibling to the Pride Academy student that you have listed on your child's application. Acceptable proof of parenthood includes a court order for child support, original genetic test result naming the shared parent, a letter from the state confirming that the parent is ordered to pay support, ant/or pay stubs indicating that the child is receiving support from the parent.
- A child is not considered an eligible sibling if the brother/sister has graduated from Pride Academy or is not enrolled for the upcoming school year.
- Sibling preference is based on having a sibling currently enrolled in the school and not accepted on the night of the lottery.