LOTTERY GUIDELINES FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Illinois Charter Schools Law
Sec. 27A-4 General Provisions
If there are more eligible applicants for enrollment in a charter school than there are spaces available, successful applicants shall be selected by lottery. However, priority shall be given to siblings of pupils enrolled in the charter school and to pupils who were enrolled in the charter school the previous school year, unless expelled for cause, and priority may be given to pupils residing within the charter school’s attendance boundary, if a boundary has been designated by the board of education in a city having a population exceeding 500,000. Dual enrollment at both a charter school and a public school or non-public school shall not be allowed. A pupil who is suspended or expelled from a charter school shall be deemed to be suspended or expelled from the public schools of a school district in which the pupil resides.

Charter School Agreement
4 c. Enrollment
Enrollment in the Charter School shall be open to any pupil who resides within the City of Chicago. The Charter School shall not conduct its lottery until one month after the specific application deadline determined by the Board for its high school magnet school program, which date will be conveyed to the Charter School by the Board’s Office of Charter Schools (“Charter Schools Office”). Each year, if on the date of the Charter School’s application deadline, there are more eligible applicants for enrollment in the Charter School than there are spaces available, successful applicants shall be selected by lottery which shall be open to all applicants and the public. The Charter School shall not request information in the application process about a student’s academic aptitude, special education needs or English language proficiency. Priority for enrollment may be given to siblings of pupils enrolled in the Charter School and to pupils who were enrolled in the Charter School the previous year, unless expelled for cause. Using the lottery process required herein, the Charter School shall establish a waiting list of students who shall be offered the opportunity to enroll at the Charter School if additional space later becomes available. The Charter School shall not permit dual enrollment of any student at both the Charter School and another public school or non-public school.