

Appendix C: CHOICE Lottery Process for Holy Family School

Background: On June 29, 2011 and July 8, 2011 the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) issued memos to prospective CHOICE Scholarship schools designed to provide technical assistance regarding the lottery provision of IC-20-51-4-3(c) which was included in House Enrolled Act 1003, Public Law 92.

HEA 1003 states, “If the number of applications for enrollment in an eligible school under a CHOICE Scholarship exceeds the number of CHOICE Scholarships available to the eligible school, the eligible school must draw at random in a public meeting the applications of applicants who are entitled to a CHOICE Scholarship from among the applicants who meet the requirements for admission to the eligible school.”

Conditions:

1. The admission process to Holy Family School and the CHOICE Scholarship/lottery process are two distinct processes. Students must meet the school’s admission process and criteria before being considered for a CHOICE Scholarship. If a student meets the admission criteria and would enroll contingent upon their ability to pay tuition and fees, then they can be considered a potential voucher (CHOICE Scholarship) recipient.
2. Holy Family School will hold an open early-enrollment period between January 1 and March 31st. All current-year students and/or siblings of current students are given preference over registrants new to Holy Family School and would be exempt from a lottery process. All new entrants to the school will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If there are more potential CHOICE Scholarship recipients than space available, they will be placed on a “waiting list” until the public lottery drawing, which will occur on the second Monday of April.
3. If classroom space allows, CHOICE Scholarship students and non-scholarship students alike may be accepted beyond the early-enrollment period pending their eligibility through the normal admissions process.