

LUSHER CHARTER SCHOOL BASIC FACTS REGARDING LUSHER CHARTER SCHOOL (LUSHER)

- A. Lusher is an Orleans Parish School Board Charter School, chartered in 2005. It is run by the not-for-profit Advocates for Arts Based Education Corporation, which is governed by a community-based Board of Directors.
- B. Lusher provides a K-12 program on two campuses. The elementary program (K-5) is located at 7315 Willow St. (Willow Street Campus). The middle school (6-8) and the high school (9-12) are located 5624 Freret St. (Fortier Campus).
- C. The main office numbers for each campus are:
Willow Street Campus: (504) 862-5110 FAX: (504) 866-4292
Freret Campus (504) 304-3961 FAX (504) 861-1839
The web site is: www.lusherschool.org
The CEO of Lusher is Kathy Riedlinger; her office is on the Freret Campus. The lower school Principal is Sheila Nelson.
The middle school Principal is Charlene Hebert.
The high school Principal is Wiley Ates.
- D. Lusher provides an arts-based, high academic program. It also offers an early college credit program through Tulane University. Lusher consistently ranks within the top 10 schools in Louisiana.
- E. In the *2014-15 school* year Lusher had 1691 students:
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| K-5 | 711 |
| 6-8 | 475 |
| 9-12 | 505 |
- F. Lusher Elementary has an Attendance District for kindergarten. It is bounded approximately by the downtown side of Adams Street on the west, the downtown side of Audubon Boulevard on the east, the river side of Claiborne Avenue on the north, and the lake side of St. Charles Avenue on the south. Not all streets in this area are in the attendance district; please see the in-district list posted on the Lower School admissions page of the Lusher website.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. HOW ARE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO LUSHER?

Answer: Kindergarten students who live in the Lusher Elementary Attendance District (see item F above) are admitted if registration is completed by noon January 9, 2015. These students are accepted first and without admissions testing. Siblings who qualify according to the admissions standards are accepted without a lottery.

Fifty percent of the remaining spots go to qualifying applicants from Tulane and fifty percent go to qualifying applicants from the general community. A lottery is held to determine acceptances and a waiting list. In the lottery, seventy-five percent of the spots go to the highest scoring students.

Note: Sibling preference applies only to Kindergarten. Automatic acceptance of in-district students applies only to Kindergarten.

Students who live within the Lusher school district applying for grades 1 through 5 are accepted based **on availability** and must have in-district registration completed by noon, January 9, 2015.

In-district applicants do not take the admissions test. All other students--including Tulane applicants--must submit a community application by noon, January 9, 2015 and qualify to be placed in the lottery. Qualification is based on standardized test scores, grade point average (grades 2 – 12) or parent meeting (K & 1), and arts profile.

All students must be residents of Orleans Parish. Parents who live in the attendance district should submit an application for the district by noon, January 9, 2015.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN “TO BE QUALIFIED?”

Answer: Based on the admission criteria, which include standardized test scores, grade point average (grades 2 – 12) or parent meeting (K & 1), and arts profile, a student is assigned a score based on the admissions matrix. There is a cutoff score. Those students with a score above the cutoff are “qualified.”

3. WHAT IS THE CUTOFF SCORE?

Answer: Kindergarten requires a score of 20 out of 30, First Grade requires 25 out of 30 points, and Grades 2-12 require a score of 28 out of 33.

It is important to note that Lusher receives many more qualified applications than there are slots available.

4. IF MY CHILD HAS TO BE TESTED, HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR THE TESTING?

Answer: All applicants will be asked to choose a testing date when completing the Lusher application.

5. IF MY CHILD IS TESTED AND DOES NOT QUALIFY, CAN MY CHILD BE RETESTED?

Answer: No retesting is allowed, but students can re-apply the following year.

6. IS THERE A DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Answer: Yes. The deadline for applying for the 2015-16 school year is NOON, January 9, 2015. Late applications will be accepted and reviewed only if vacancies occur.

7. HOW DO I OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FOR MY CHILD?

Answer: Applications for the elementary, middle and high school can be obtained from the school office at the Willow Street Campus (K-5) or Freret Campus (grades 6-12). You can also download a community application from the Lusher Web Site at www.lusherschool.org.

8. WHERE DO I RETURN THE APPLICATION?

Answer: Each school office accepts completed applications for grades offered at that location (K-5 – Willow Street; 6-12 – Freret Street).

9. ARE THERE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OR MATERIALS I NEED TO SUBMIT ALONG WITH MY CHILD’S APPLICATION?

Answer: Required documents are listed on the supplemental application instructions page, under the checklist. You should also complete and submit the Tulane Affiliate Form with a copy of your Tulane

ID and your current Tulane paycheck stub.

10. IS THERE ANY COST TO APPLY TO OR ATTEND LUSHER?

Answer: No.

11. IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND LUSHER IF WE DO NOT LIVE IN ORLEANS PARISH?

Answer: As mentioned above, Lusher is an Orleans Parish School Board Charter. As a result, you must live in Orleans Parish to attend Lusher School.

12. IF I AM EMPLOYED BY TULANE WILL MY CHILD AUTOMATICALLY BE ADMITTED TO LUSHER?

Answer: No. While, as a result of the partnership between Tulane and Lusher, a number of slots are set aside for children of Tulane full-time employees (see information about allocation of slots under question 1), your child must still qualify. Tulane employment status is verified by the Tulane University Human Resources Department. Admission also depends upon availability of openings.

13. IF I AM THE CHILD'S LEGAL GUARDIAN OR GRANDPARENT, AUNT, UNCLE, OR SIBLING, CAN THE CHILD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SLOTS SET ASIDE FOR TULANE EMPLOYEES?

Answer: The child is eligible for the spots reserved for children of Tulane employees if you are the child's legal guardian only.

14. WHAT IF I AM A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT AT TULANE? IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE SPOTS RESERVED FOR TULANE?

Answer: Yes, if you are in a full-time graduate or professional program, your child can be considered a Tulane Affiliate applicant. Full-time graduate or professional student status is verified by the Tulane Registrar's office. The form that you must fill out to verify your student status and submit with your application is at the end of these Frequently Asked Questions.

15. IF I LEAVE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH TULANE OR I AM NO LONGER A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT, MAY MY CHILD STILL REMAIN AT LUSHER?

Answer: If you leave full-time employment with Tulane, your child may remain at Lusher. If you were a full-time graduate or professional student, your child may remain at Lusher **if you have received the degree for which you were enrolled.**

16. YOU HAVE SAID THAT MY CHILD IS "ELIGIBLE FOR A SLOT". IF MY CHILD QUALIFIES, HOW ARE THE TULANE SLOTS ALLOCATED TO THESE QUALIFIED CHILDREN?

Answer: At each grade level, the slots set aside for Tulane will be allocated in the following manner: 75% of the available Tulane slots will be allocated to students **in the rank order of their level of qualification.** The remaining 25% of the slots are allocated based on a lottery of all remaining **qualified** students.

Spots are added in grade 6 and 8; thus these grades offer the best opportunity for enrollment.

**TULANE AFFILIATE VERIFICATION FORM
2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR**

As per our charter application, a certain number of openings at Lusher Charter School will be reserved for qualified children of Tulane University affiliates residing in Orleans Parish.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

TULANE UNIVERSITY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Parent/guardian must be employed Full-Time at Tulane University to qualify.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Position _____ Date Hired _____

Department _____

Supervisor Name _____ Dept. Phone No. _____

*I certify that I am a **full-time employee** of Tulane University.*

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

*I certify that the aforementioned individual is a **full-time employee** of Tulane University.*

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

A signed copy of this form must be submitted with a copy of a valid Tulane I.D. and a current paycheck stub, to have Tulane Affiliate status applied to your child's Lusher Charter School application.

TULANE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Parent/guardian must be enrolled as a Full-Time graduate or professional student at Tulane University to qualify.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Major _____ Year of Graduation _____

Dean of College _____ Dept. Phone No. _____

*I certify that I am enrolled as a **full-time student** at Tulane University.*

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

*I certify that the aforementioned individual is enrolled as a **full-time graduate or professional student** at Tulane University.*

Dean's Signature _____ Date _____

A signed copy of this form must be submitted with a copy of a valid Tulane I.D. and a current registration receipt, to have Tulane Affiliate status applied to your child's Lusher Charter School application.

LUSHER APPLICANT INFORMATION

Students must meet all Lusher Charter School enrollment criteria to qualify. Placement is based on availability.

Student 1 (Print exactly as name appears on birth certificate.) Grade Applying For _____

Student 2 (Print exactly as name appears on birth certificate.) Grade Applying For _____

Student 3 (Print exactly as name appears on birth certificate.) Grade Applying For _____