School Choice Lottery (K-11)

Weighting Factors

Hillsborough County Public Schools utilizes a race-neutral weighted lottery process. Provided below are the parameters used in the lottery along with the corresponding purpose and lottery use.

**Geography**

**Purpose:**
- To increase interaction among students of diverse backgrounds.

**Lottery Use:**
- Geographic designations, such as *urban, suburban, and rural*, are used to apply weights (points) to a residential address. Applicants receive the applicable weight (points) for this lottery parameter.

**Economic**

**Purpose:**
- To increase interaction among students of diverse backgrounds.

**Lottery Use:**
- The free, reduced or pay meal status of each applicant – and their attendance area elementary school - are identified. A weight is applied for each of the three meal status designations and applicants receive the applicable weight (points) for this lottery parameter.

**Home Language**

**Purpose:**
- To increase interaction among students of diverse backgrounds.

**Lottery Use:**
- The reported home language status of each applicant is identified. A weight is applied for *English* as the home language and a weight is applied for a language *other than English* as the home language. Applicants receive the applicable weight (points) for this lottery parameter.
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Accountability Factor

Purpose:
- To take into account the academic status of the applicant’s attendance area school and support the goals of Hillsborough Choice Options.

Lottery Use:
- An ESEA compliant Accountability Factor for every HCPS school is identified. A weight is applied for each year a school has not met the accountability factor. An applicant is awarded applicable points that correspond to the ESEA accountability status of the child’s attendance area school.

Sibling

Purpose:
- To support the school - family connection.

Lottery Use:
- Applicants who have a sibling at the same school for which they are applying are identified. A weight is applied and the applicant receives the applicable points for this parameter. Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.

Employee

Purpose:
- To support Hillsborough County Public School employees.

Lottery Use:
- Applicants who have a parent/parents employed by Hillsborough County Public Schools are identified. A weight is applied and the applicant receives the applicable points for this parameter. Note: The applied weight does not guarantee selection.