



Tiller School Admissions Policy Approved November 10, 2013

Tiller School is a tuition free, public charter school. Any child who is qualified under the laws of North Carolina for admission to a public school is qualified for admission to a charter school. To qualify to attend a NC public school, a student must be a legal resident of North Carolina. County boundaries or school attendance areas do not affect charter school enrollment. Tiller School does not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, disability, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion or ancestry.

Tiller School may give enrollment priority in certain instances as stated in G.S. 115C-238.29F(g). The school has decided to offer the following enrollment priorities and will implement them in the manner described below:

1. Sibling Preference:
 - The law defines a sibling to include, “half-siblings, stepsiblings, and children residing in a family foster home.”
 - Siblings of currently enrolled Tiller School students will be given enrollment priority
2. Legacy Preference:
 - Siblings or children of students that completed the highest grade offered by Tiller School and were enrolled at least four years will be given enrollment priority
3. Staff and Board Member Preference:
 - Student applicants who are children of current staff or Board of Director’s members, will be given enrollment preference
 - The law limits this amount not to exceed 15% of the schools total enrollment
4. Opportunity Preference:
 - Tiller School will give enrollment priority to a former student was enrolled in Tiller School within the last two academic years if they left the school due to an academic study abroad program, competitive admission residential program, or vocational opportunities for the parent

During each period of enrollment, Tiller School will accept applications for new students. Once enrolled, students are not required to enroll in subsequent enrollment periods. In order to properly plan, the school will routinely inquire of parents in early spring through letters of intent to ascertain if students will return to Tiller School the following school year. Applications for new students are available in the school office located at 1950 US Hwy 70 East, Beaufort, NC 28516 and on the school website at www.tillerschool.org. If needed, the application may be mailed or emailed to the parent of a prospective student.

The enrollment period will begin each year on the first school day in January and end on the first Friday in February. During the enrollment period, Tiller School shall enroll an eligible student who submits an initial application within this period, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level or building. If the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces, a lottery will be held to fill vacant seats for the next school year. After seats are filled, the drawing will continue to determine the order of a waiting list. Current year waiting lists dissolve when the next enrollment period begins.

Lottery procedures will comply with the North Carolina Open Meetings Laws provided in G.S. 143-218.10(a). Tiller School will publicize the date, time and location of the meeting and allow anyone to attend.

Tiller School will notify parents, through the mail on the status of their child's enrollment within one week of the lottery date. Parents will have ten days to notify the school whether they accept or deny the students admission by returning the notification form and envelope provided by the school in a self-addressed stamped envelope. Should a parent decline the enrollment offer or not respond before the deadline, Tiller School will offer admission to the next name on that specific grade's waiting list. Upon acceptance, parents will be asked to complete supplemental information to aid in student transition.