

The Charter School shall be non-sectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations. [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(d)(1)] The Charter School shall admit all students who wish to attend the Charter School, and who submit a timely application; unless the Charter School receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, in which case each application will be given equal chance of admission through a public random drawing process. Except as required by Education Code Section 47605(d)(2), admission to the Charter School shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the student or his or her parents within the State. Preference in the public random drawing shall be given as required by Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(B). In the event of a drawing, the chartering authority shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the growth of the Charter School in accordance with Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(C). [Ref. Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(A)-(B)] Interested parents of prospective students are required to adhere to the application and admission requirements and are strongly encouraged to visit the school and meet with a staff member to learn more about Today's Fresh Start Charter School's goals and philosophy. A designated staff member will explain the program model to prospective parents, provide a tour of selected classrooms and deliver an overall orientation of expectations. Once a student has been enrolled in Today's Fresh Start Charter School, a parent and /or guardian will be encouraged to sign a Parent Compact.

(1) Work with staff to provide an optimal learning environment at home and school

(2) Contribute a minimum of 40 hours per school year in a volunteer capacity The intent of the Parent Contract is to create a strong relationship between families of TFSCS students and school personnel. Parents of students enrolled in Today's Fresh Start Charter School will be encouraged to consider the benefits of strong parental support to their children's education. Opportunities to meet the commitments of the Parent Compact will be to provide for varying parent Admission to TFSCS is open to any resident of the state of California. TFSCS will not charge students tuition and will not discriminate against any student on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation, race, color, creed, or immigration status or religion or any characteristic described in Education Code Section 220. Admission to TFSCS will not be determined according to the place of residence of the student, or of the student's parent or guardian, within California. If the number of students applying for admission exceeds TFSCS capacity attendance, except for existing students of the charter school, new enrollees will be determined by a public random drawing. Preference in the public random drawing is extended in the following order:

- 1) Students currently attending TFSCS;
- 2) Siblings of TFSCS students; and
- 3) Students who reside in Los Angeles County

Each student will be assigned a number, drawn randomly from a box in public at a published date, time, and location. Grades will be filled in the random order drawn. Once grades are filled, applications will continue to be drawn in a public random drawing to develop a wait list for each grade level. The parent and the student will be advised of their acceptance prior to school starting date.

TFSCS adheres to all laws establishing minimum age for public school attendance, and any student over 19 years of age who is admitted shall be continuously enrolled in public school and making satisfactory progress towards high school diploma requirements.