

## **Pre-Registration FAQs:**

1. Is the application process the same as last year?

**Answer:** No, we have moved to a pre-registration application portal from PowerSchool.

2. What does "priority status" mean?

**Answer:** Certain categories of eligible pupils shall be exempted from the lottery and given priority in enrolment. This applies to:

- Already enrolled pupils;
- Siblings of enrolled pupils;
- Direct descendants of founders, governors, staff, and faculty;
- Pupils transferring from another Alberta Classical Academy school;
- Families that joined the school's initial Interest List
- 3. What is the "initial interest list?"

**Answer:** The "initial interest list" refers to families that signed a declaration of interest in Alberta Classical Academy schools *before* they came into existence (in Calgary, the interest list was collected in 2021; in Edmonton, 2022). The early support of these families was a prerequisite for being granted a charter.

4. I missed the Open House can I still watch the video; it's not on the website.

**Answer:** Unfortunately, the video is no longer posted on the website.

5. Will my student who applied last year or if my student doesn't get in this year will they get priority status?

**Answer:** No. Our waitlist is reset annually.

6. My browser and/or phone doesn't seem to work to open the application portal.

**Answer:** Most browsers whether on a computer, laptop or phone should work. Chrome seems to work the best. We also recommend completing the application on a computer rather than a phone.

7. Should I apply for my children who are not school age yet (ie 1, 2, 3, 4-year-old)?



**Answer:** No. We do not maintain multi-year waitlists, and our waitlist process is reset every year. For the upcoming school year, you should <u>not</u> apply for a child who was born in 2020 or later.

- 8. I refreshed my page and lost everything I entered. **Answer:** Unfortunately, refreshing your page will result in having to restart the application.
- 9. If I apply for my Kindergarten student and they get accepted, will their siblings automatically get accepted?

**Answer:** Siblings of already enrolled pupils will have priority status in enrollment. E.g. if a child is accepted for the upcoming school year, their siblings will have priority status in the next enrollment cycle (or when they become school-aged).

10. If a current family is re-enrolling for the next school year will that be in their existing PowerSchool account, or do we need to create a new account?

**Answer:** This application portal is only for new families. It is not intended for families of already enrolled students. If a family is applying for a sibling of an already enrolled student, they need to create an account for the enrollment portal, as it is a different application.

11. Why am I being asked if my student went to preschool when they are going applying for a higher grade (ie Grade 5)?

**Answer:** The question is worded so it covers preschool if the student is applying for a Kindergarten application. Has this student ever attended school or pre-school before? If you select yes, it then asks for most recent school which for grade 5 would not be preschool but grade 4.

- 12. I have a current student and was told by my friend that they applied, and we should too.

  Answer: March 4<sup>th</sup> is when re-registration commences for current students. More information will be forthcoming. Current families should NOT create an application for students already attending ACA. The application portal is only for new students who are not currently attending ACA.
- 13. The email I received has the incorrect link and mentioned that IPPs are mandatory. **Answer:** The correct link to the application portal can be found by clicking <u>HERE</u> and IPPs are not mandatory to upload at this stage. We just ask that you disclose that information and give a brief overview. If your student is successful enters the next phase of registration the school will then ask for the IPP to be uploaded.



14. The phone number field is giving some people issues as they have area codes that the form is not accepting or the phone number format doesn't match the parameters in the form causing errors when filling out this field. Can applicants use a local family phone number for the form in order to meet the forms parameters and submit?

**Answer:** Please submit a local number they can then email the application email to add a note to file with proper phone numbers.

15. What happens if they are away from town when the placement tests are being scheduled.

**Answer:** We will be holding assessments over the course of a several weeks in April/May. If extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness) prevents your child from attending the scheduled assessment, we will do our best to offer an alternative date.