

Charter School Enrollment Provisions of State Law

The Admissions Policy of Black River Public School is developed based on the language of the state law, which refers to a charter school as a “public school academy.” Because Black River Public School is chartered by Grand Valley State University, the following statutory provisions apply:

For a public school academy authorized by a state public university, enrollment shall be open to all pupils who reside in this state who meet the admission policy. If there are more applications to enroll in the public school academy than there are spaces available, pupils shall be selected to attend using a random selection process. However, a public school academy may give *enrollment priority* to a sibling of a pupil *enrolled* in the public school academy. A public school academy shall allow any student who was enrolled in the public school academy in the immediately preceding school year *to enroll* in the public school academy in the appropriate grade.... [Michigan Revised School Code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.504(3)] (*emphasis added*)

State law also allows charter schools to accept students in an approved foreign exchange program.