



Rising Tide Wait List– FAQ

Q: My child was placed on a waitlist. How will I be notified if a spot opens up?

A: If a spot becomes available, we will notify you via email and phone call. We fill any openings that arise until the date of our next primary lottery.

Q: My family's residence is not in Rising Tide's region, is there any chance that my child will receive an admission offer?

Yes, we do admit Massachusetts students who do not reside in our region. However, residents of the Districts indicated in Rising Tide's charter receive a preference for admission over non-resident students. The following Districts are indicated in Rising Tide's charter: Barnstable, Bourne, Carver, Duxbury, Falmouth, Freetown-Lakeville, Marshfield, Mashpee, Middleborough, Old Rochester (Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester), Pembroke, Plymouth, Rochester, Sandwich, Silver Lake (Halifax, Kingston, Plympton), and Wareham.

Q: My family's residence was out of region at the time of the lottery drawing but we have just relocated to one of the towns listed above. Will this impact my child's position on the waitlist?

Yes, please be sure to notify us if your family's residency and/or contact information changes. Residents of the Districts indicated in Rising Tide's charter receive a preference for admission over non-resident students.

Q: My child's name was called during the lottery but the notification I received stated that they were placed on a waitlist. How can that be?

All names are drawn during the lottery process. We do this to establish an initial random rank order. After the rank order is created, then preferences for admission are applied to students at the time an offer of admission is made. Preferences are given first to siblings and then residents of the Districts indicated in Rising Tide's charter.

Q: I submitted applications for two of my children. One was offered admission, but the other was waitlisted. What is the likelihood that the waitlisted child will be accepted?

A: There is frequent movement on our waiting lists, and it's possible that your waitlisted child could receive admission before the start of the school year. If not, your waitlisted child will receive sibling preference once the admitted sibling has been enrolled for at least one day. While we cannot guarantee additional openings at that time, it is very likely that we will be able to admit your child during that period.

Q: When is the best time to schedule a visit to Rising Tide?

We offer virtual and in-person open houses, small group sessions, and tours with our Head of School. Fall is the best time to visit before enrolling. We also host an Accepted Students Day each spring for admitted and waitlisted students. Event dates are posted on our website and social media. To schedule a visit outside these times, email us at admissions@risingtide.org.

Additional Questions? Contact us at admissions@risingtide.org