

## H. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*Admission requirements, if applicable.*

*- California Education Code Section 47605(b) (5) (H)*

The District Board of Trustees determines the capacity of the charter school. With regard to both the independent home study program and the classroom based program, the determination of school capacity is based on the school's academic program, the school's fiscal viability, the educational needs of currently enrolled students, the capacity of the school site and the level of interest shown by students who want to attend the school.

Mark West Charter School actively recruits a diverse student population from the district and surrounding areas who understand and value the school's mission and are committed to the school's instructional and operational philosophy. Admission to the school is open to any resident of the State of California. Prospective students and their parents or guardians are briefed regarding the school's instructional and operational philosophy and informed of the school's student-related policies. The school has established an annual recruiting and admissions cycle, which includes reasonable time for all of the following: (1) outreach and marketing; (2) orientation sessions for parents and students; (3) an admissions application period; (4) an admissions lottery if necessary; and (5) enrollment. The school may fill vacancies or openings that become available after this process using either a waiting list or any other non-discriminatory process.

In the event that the number of students seeking admission to any grade or class exceeds capacity, the school shall have the right to grant priority in admissions to (1) siblings of current students of school (MWCS only), (2) children of employees of the MWUSD, and (3) resident students of the District. The school may also grant admission preference to school founders, as defined by the school's governing board, provided that students admitted under a founders' preference shall not constitute more than 25 percent of the school's enrollment.

Lottery Process:

Students falling in priority #1 will be placed until all spots are filled. If there are any remaining spots then:

Students from Priority #2 will be placed until all spots are filled. If there are any remaining spots then:

Students from Priority #3 will be placed until all spots are filled. If there are any remaining spots then:

All other students will be drawn in a lottery and placed until all spots are filled.

If additional students remain, after all school spots have been filled, they will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which their names were drawn in the lottery.