

LUSHER CHARTER SCHOOL
BASIC FACTS REGARDING LUSHER CHARTER SCHOOL (LUSHER)

- A. Lusher is an Orleans Parish School Board Charter School, chartered in 2005. It is run by the not-for-profit Advocates for Arts Based Education Corporation, which is governed by a community-based Board of Directors.
- B. Lusher provides a K-12 program on two campuses. The elementary program (K-5) is located at 7315 Willow St. (Willow Street Campus). The middle school (6-8) and the high school (9-12) are located 5624 Freret St. (Fortier Campus).
- C. The main office numbers for each campus are:
Willow Street Campus: (504) 862-5110 FAX: (504) 866-4292
Freret Street Campus (504) 304-3961 FAX: (504) 861-1839
The web site is: www.lusherschool.org
Lusher's CEO is Kathy Riedlinger; her office is on the Freret Campus.
The Lower School Principal is Jan Rice.
The Middle School Principal is Charlene Hebert.
The High School Principal is Steven Corbett.
- D. Lusher provides an arts-based, high academic program. It also offers an early college credit program through Tulane University. Lusher consistently ranks within the top 10 schools in Louisiana.
- E. In the *2017-18 school* year Lusher enrolled 1761 students:
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| K-5 | 666 |
| 6-8 | 489 |
| 9-12 | 606 |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. HOW ARE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO LUSHER?

Answer: The application process for the 2018-19 school year runs from October 9, 2017 to NOON, January 12, 2018. On the Willow campus only, siblings who qualify for kindergarten according to the admissions standards are accepted without a lottery.

Fifty percent of the remaining spots go to qualifying applicants from Tulane and fifty percent go to qualifying applicants from the general community. A lottery is held to determine acceptances and a waiting list. In the lottery, seventy-five percent of the spots go to the highest scoring students.

Note: Sibling preference applies only to Kindergarten.

All students--including Tulane applicants--must submit a community application by noon, January 12, 2018, and qualify to be placed in the lottery. Qualification is based on standardized test scores, grade point average (grades 2 – 12) or parent meeting (K & 1), and arts profile. The application process begins October 9, 2017.

All students, including Tulane affiliate students, must be residents of Orleans Parish.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN “TO BE QUALIFIED?”

Answer: The admission matrix includes standardized test scores, grade point average (grades 2 – 12) or parent meeting (K & 1), and arts profile. A student is assigned a score based on the points earned on the admissions matrix. There is a cutoff score; those students with a score above the cutoff are “qualified.”

3. WHAT IS THE CUTOFF SCORE?

Answer: Kindergarten requires a score of 20 out of 30, First Grade requires 25 out of 30 points, and Grades 2-12 require a minimum score of 28 out of 33.

It is important to note that Lusher receives many more qualified applications than there are slots available.

4. IF MY CHILD HAS TO BE TESTED, HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR THE TESTING?

Answer: All applicants will be scheduled for a testing date when Lusher applications are submitted.

5. IF MY CHILD IS TESTED AND DOES NOT QUALIFY, CAN MY CHILD BE RETESTED?

Answer: No retesting is allowed, but students can re-apply the following year.

6. IS THERE A DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Answer: Yes. The deadline for applying for the 2018-19 school year is NOON, January 12, 2018. Late applications will be accepted and reviewed only if vacancies occur.

7. HOW DO I OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FOR MY CHILD?

Answer: Applications for the lower, middle and high schools can be obtained from the school office at the Willow Street Campus (K-5) or Freret Street Campus (grades 6-12). You can also download an application from the Lusher Web Site at www.lusherschool.org.

8. WHERE DO I RETURN THE APPLICATION?

Answer: Each school office accepts completed applications for grades offered at that location (grades K-5 – 7315 Willow Street; grades 6-12 – 5624 Freret Street). Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

9. ARE THERE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OR MATERIALS I NEED TO SUBMIT ALONG WITH MY CHILD’S APPLICATION?

Answer: Yes. Required documents are listed on the application, under the checklist. You should also complete and submit the Tulane Affiliate Form with a copy of your Tulane ID and your current Tulane Deposit Advice for the most recent pay period.

10. IS THERE ANY COST TO APPLY TO OR ATTEND LUSHER?

Answer: No.

11. IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND LUSHER IF WE DO NOT LIVE IN ORLEANS PARISH?

Answer: No. As mentioned above, Lusher is an Orleans Parish School Board Charter. As a result, you must live in Orleans Parish to attend Lusher School.

12. IF I AM EMPLOYED BY TULANE WILL MY CHILD AUTOMATICALLY BE ADMITTED TO LUSHER?

Answer: No. While, as a result of the partnership between Tulane and Lusher, a number of slots are set aside for children of Tulane full-time employees (see information about allocation of slots under question 1), your child must still qualify. Tulane employment status is verified by the Tulane University Workforce Management Organization. Admission also depends upon availability of openings. Employees must be eligible for full-time employee benefits to be eligible for this benefit.

13. IF I AM THE CHILD’S LEGAL GUARDIAN, CAN THE CHILD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SLOTS SET ASIDE FOR TULANE EMPLOYEES?

Answer: Yes, if you are the child’s legal guardian, the child is eligible for the spots reserved for children of Tulane employees. A copy of all legal paperwork is required when the application is submitted.

14. WHAT IF I AM A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT AT TULANE? IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE SPOTS RESERVED FOR TULANE?

Answer: Yes, if you are in a full-time graduate or professional program, your child can be considered a Tulane Affiliate applicant. Full-time graduate or professional student status is verified by the Tulane Registrar’s office. The form that you must fill out to verify your student status and submit with your application is at the end of these Frequently Asked Questions.

15. IF I LEAVE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH TULANE OR I AM NO LONGER A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT, MAY MY CHILD STILL REMAIN AT LUSHER?

Answer: If you leave full-time employment with Tulane, your child may remain at Lusher. If you were a full-time graduate or professional student, your child may remain at Lusher **if you have received the degree for which you were enrolled.**

16. YOU HAVE SAID THAT MY CHILD IS “ELIGIBLE FOR A SLOT”. IF MY CHILD QUALIFIES, HOW ARE THE TULANE SLOTS ALLOCATED TO THESE QUALIFIED CHILDREN?

Answer: At each grade level, the slots set aside for Tulane will be allocated in the following manner: 75% of the available Tulane slots will be allocated to students **in the rank order of their level of qualification.** The remaining 25% of the slots are allocated based on a lottery of all remaining **qualified** students.

For 2018 – 19, spots will be added in 4th, 6th and 8th grade; thus, these grades offer the best opportunity for enrollment beyond kindergarten.

**TULANE AFFILIATE VERIFICATION FORM
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR**

**As per our charter application, a certain number of openings at Lusher Charter School will be reserved
for qualified children of Tulane University affiliates residing in Orleans Parish.**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

TULANE UNIVERSITY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Parent/guardian must be employed Full-Time at Tulane University to qualify.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Position _____ Date Hired _____

Department _____

Supervisor Name _____ Dept. Phone No. _____

*I certify that I am a **full-time employee** of Tulane University.*

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

*I certify that the aforementioned individual is a **full-time employee** of Tulane University.*

HR Records
Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

*A signed copy of this form must be submitted with a copy of a valid Tulane I.D. and the most recent Payroll Deposit Advice,
to have Tulane Affiliate status applied to your child's Lusher Charter School application.*

TULANE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

*Parent/guardian must be enrolled as a Full-Time graduate or professional student at Tulane University to qualify.
Students enrolled in the School of Continuing Studies do not meet these criteria.*

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Degree _____ Year of Graduation _____

Dean of College _____ Dept. Phone No. _____

*I certify that I am enrolled as a **full-time student** at Tulane University.*

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

*I certify that the aforementioned individual is enrolled as a **full-time graduate or professional student** at
Tulane University.*

Dean's Signature _____ Date _____

*A signed copy of this form must be submitted with a copy of a valid Tulane I.D. and a current enrollment verification,
to have Tulane Affiliate status applied to your child's Lusher Charter School application.*

LUSHER APPLICANT INFORMATION

Students must meet all Lusher Charter School enrollment criteria to qualify. Placement is based on availability.

Student 1 *(Print exactly as name appears on birth certificate.)*

Grade Applying For

Student 2 *(Print exactly as name appears on birth certificate.)*

Grade Applying For

Student 3 *(Print exactly as name appears on birth certificate.)*

Grade Applying For