



Frequently Asked Questions About the Wait Pool

Q. What does it mean to be in the wait pool?

A. Children assigned to the wait pool are qualified applicants; we simply have many more applicants than spaces available.

Q. Can I find out where my child is ranked in the wait pool?

A. No, the wait pool is actually a group of applicants who have a continued interest in enrolling at Bertschi.

Q. How do you determine which applicants to take from the wait pool?

A. When an opening occurs, the Admission team looks at a variety of things, including gender balance, cultural and economic diversity, learning styles, and social skills. We then determine who might be the best fit given the current makeup of the class.

Q. Are students ever accepted from the wait pool?

A. Yes – we take wait pool applicants at all grade levels. The process depends on many factors – families may relocate or decide to pursue other school options.

Q. How will you contact me if you're ready to offer my child a place?

A. We will make a phone call if we have a place to offer for your child. Please provide your best contact number (or numbers) on the Wait Pool Confirmation form.

R. How long does this process go on?

A. Typically, we offer places to students in the wait pool within the first two weeks to one month after notification. However, occasionally an opening may occur in late spring or summer, so it is important to keep us informed of your continued interest in Bertschi and updated with your contact information.

Q. We have an offer from another school. How do I know whether to accept it?

A. After March 30th, the Admission Office can give you information on how many contracts have been returned at your child's grade level to help you evaluate your options. Our goal is to support families through this process to the best of our ability. We recognize that this can be a difficult and stressful time.

If you have further questions, please call the Admission Office at 206-442-6855. Thank you for your interest in Bertschi School.