



# **Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes: Admissions Policy**

As an MPS instrumentality Charter School, ALBA School recognizes that according to the charter school law this is a voluntary program. We serve the general district-wide population including students with disabilities and will not impose entrance requirements inconsistent with Milwaukee Public Schools' policies and guidelines for student admissions.

ALBA Charter School is a bilingual elementary school that was designed to serve pupils whose first language is Spanish. All students, regardless of first language, are enrolled in the school's bilingual Spanish/English program. Due to the limited classroom space, families desiring to remain at ALBA for middle school grades will go through a local enrollment application process in fall of 5th grade. In the case that more students apply than seats are available, a lottery will be conducted.

ALBA School will not provide transportation for any students, except the school shall provide transportation as a related service if required in the student's IEP.

In accordance with Charter School Law, Wis. Stat. 118.40(3)g2., Charter School shall give preference to: pupils who were enrolled in Charter School in the previous school year; to siblings of pupils who are enrolled in the Charter School and to children of the school's founders, governing board members, and full-time employees, with a limit of such children to no more than 10% of the total enrollment. We wish this to be a community anchored school first and foremost. Other students will be added through the open enrollment process. Each winter the open enrollment process is conducted for initial entry into ALBA in K4 and any remaining open seats in other grades. If more students apply for admission than seats a lottery with above preferences is conducted. Any waitlist established is kept for one year and families called for openings according to the preferences above. Any remaining seats can be open for out of district enrollment through the State Open Enrollment. As a charter school we ensure that all students enrolled in our school are recorded in Milwaukee Public Schools' student data base. We maintain confidential student records in accordance with state student records law, section 118, 125 of the Wisconsin statutes and the federal educational rights and privacy act (FERPA).20U.S.C.123g

