I3 Academy Enrollment Policy

I3 Academy’s eligibility, admission, and enrollment policy aligns with its mission to empower learners to become agents of change who solve the problems they see in their world. In keeping with the mission, charter agreement and Alabama law and policies regarding charter schools, i3 Academy’s eligibility, admission, and enrollment policy will be implemented through the use of a priority application process, lottery selection for students, and admission criteria laid out in the following sections of this document. Enrollment into i3 Academy shall have three phases:

**PHASE ONE:** Application
**PHASE TWO:** Seat Offering and Acceptance
**PHASE THREE:** Enrollment and Registration

I3 Academy does not discriminate on the basis of student ability, homeless status, English Language Learner status, Immigrant students, or Foster Care Students.

Admission Policy for Homeless, Migratory, Immigrant, Foster Care and English Learners

Pursuant to the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, Plyer vs. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001, all homeless children and youth, migrant, immigrant, foster care and English Learners must have equal access to the same free appropriate public education, including public preschool education, provided other children and youth. This shall be the policy of i3 Academy. Such children will be provided the opportunity to meet the same challenging state content and state student performance standards to which all students are held without being stigmatized or isolated.

The enrollment of homeless children and youth, migrant, immigrant, foster care and English Learners shall not be denied or delayed due to any of the following barriers:

- Lack of birth certificate
- Lack of school records or transcripts
- Lack of immunization or health records
- Lack of proof of residency
- Lack of transportation
- Guardianship or custody requirements
ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to attend i3 Academy, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be of appropriate age and/or meet the promotion requirements for a given grade level.
2. Be an Alabama resident. Per Section 1 of the Guidelines for Alabama Public Charter Schools:
   “Any child who is eligible for attendance in public schools in the state may be eligible to attend a public charter school in Alabama. A public charter school is open to any student residing in Alabama. The residence of a student is the domicile of the student’s custodial parent who may be the parent, guardian, or other person or entity having legal custody of the child. A public charter school cannot limit student admission based on ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, income level, disability, proficiency in the English language, or academic or athletic ability. Student admission may be limited to students within a given age group or grade level.”

PRIORITY GROUPING

In remaining consistent with current Alabama law regarding charter school enrollment eligibility, i3 Academy’s enrollment priority grouping will be structured in the following manner:

PRIORITY A:

(1) Students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are a member of the governing board, or a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee of i3 Academy Charter School regardless of where they reside. These students may make up no more than ten percent of the total student population if i3 Academy Charter School’s enrollment capacity has not been reached.
   (a) Grandchildren, nieces, and nephews do not receive the children of employees and board members enrollment preference.
   (b) “Employee” includes anyone on i3 Academy’s payroll, including part-time and full-time employees; however, it does not include those contracted through a third party vendor or contracted by i3 Academy.

PRIORITY B:

(1) Students who were enrolled in i3 Academy the previous academic year, and siblings of students currently enrolled in i3 Academy Charter School.
   (a) Siblings who participate in the same lottery for the same grade (e.g. twins) shall be considered as a group. Provided capacity permits, if one sibling is chosen in the lottery, then all other siblings will automatically be offered the next available spot for enrollment as well.
   (b) If a lower-grade level sibling is accepted, their older siblings will be moved to the top of the waitlist for higher-grades, but won't be guaranteed spots.
PRIORITY C:

(1) Students who are currently enrolled in the Birmingham City School System.

LOTTERY

The SchoolMint school admission lottery system is a randomized system which determines applicant consideration in the event that there are more applicants for admission into i3 Academy than available spaces. The utilized platform for the lottery system will be SchoolMint. At no point will any administrator, teacher, employee, board-member or other entity or person have influence over lottery selection. i3 Academy reserves the right to make other changes to its enrollment policies to reflect its missions, its charter, and applicable law. The results of the lottery will be disseminated to affected parties at the discretion of the administration of i3 Academy.

ENROLLMENT

The application for enrollment and admission into i3 Academy will be accessible and facilitated through SchoolMint. The application and registration process will require of students and parents or guardians satisfactory evidence of the following documents:

1. Student Birth Certificate
2. Student Record of Immunization
3. Proof of Residency
   a. Acceptable documents for showing proof of residency include: Alabama power bill, lease or tax notice
4. Custody paperwork (if applicable) - must be certified court document showing physical custody of child
5. Withdrawal paper and/or report card from previous school

ADMISSION

Admission into i3 Academy will be contingent on completion of the application, satisfactory evidence of the above mentioned documents, and compliance with eligibility requirements in the preceding section. A student admitted into i3 must finalize registration within the specified timeframe as indicated in the admission and acceptance notification. Failure to adhere to any of the aforementioned requirements may result in rescindment of the student’s admission offer.

WAITLIST

In the event that the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats for students, it is i3 Academy’s policy to place eligible students on a waitlist. As seats at i3 Academy become available, students will be selected from the waitlist.