

## Controlled Open Enrollment FAQ's

**When will I be able to apply for a COE space at PVPV Rawlings?** The St. Johns County School District accepts applications for the COE lottery during the application window. You cannot apply early, and you cannot apply after the window closes. **FOR FAMILIES WISHING TO ATTEND PVPV RAWLINGS FOR THE 25/26 SCHOOL YEAR, THE WINDOW OPENS ON APRIL 28-MAY 15.**

**If my child is awarded a space under COE, how long can they attend PVPV Rawlings Elementary?** The COE designation is valid through the graduation of the school in which it was awarded. For PVPV Rawlings Elementary, this is 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Can my child attend middle/high school in St. Johns County under the COE lottery?** Traditionally, the middle and high schools do not have enrollment numbers that permit them to participate in the COE lottery process. Of course, this may change in the future, but at this time, the middle and high schools which PVPV Rawlings Elementary feed to (Landrum Middle School and PV High School) do not participate in the COE lottery process.

**How many spaces will PVPV Rawlings have available for the COE lottery?** The determination of how many spaces will be available in the COE lottery is made based on enrollments numbers and available space at a participating school. The District will announce the available seats for participating schools about one week before the window opens.

**Are there certain criteria that gives an applicant priority in the lottery? The following scenarios will receive preferential treatment, per Florida State Statue 1002.31(c).**

1. **Dependent children of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.**
2. **Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.**
3. **Children who have been moved due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.**
4. **Students residing within St. Johns County.**

**An additional SJCS D preferential consideration includes siblings. Siblings are defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister, living in the same household. Verification of residency will be required.**

**A parent may declare their school preference for an applicant in an effort to place siblings at the same school. There are two forms of sibling preference for an applicant:**

1. **The sibling of the applicant is currently enrolled and attending the requested school, through controlled open enrollment (COE).**
2. **The applicant has a sibling with a separate controlled open enrollment application for the same cycle.**

***Please note that preferential sibling requests are still prioritized based on in-county and out-of-county residents.***

**If household siblings apply and one sibling is selected, the other will have priority to attend the same school. However, if a grade level seat is not available for the second (or any thereafter) sibling, both (all) siblings will be placed on the sibling wait list.**

**If siblings cannot be placed at the same school, a hardship request may be submitted through School Services, for in-county residents only.**

A separate lottery is run simultaneously for both in-county residents as well as out-of-county residents. Applications are numbered separately, and in-county residents have priority. As a result, out-of-county applications are only considered if seats remain after the in-county resident lottery is completed.

**When will I find out if I am awarded a spot?** The notification window is May 19-May 23. Once you are notified, you have 10 days to accept your child's spot. If you do not accept the spot within that timeframe, your child's space is abandoned and will be offered to a student who is on the waitlist.

**What happens after I have accepted my child's space at PVPV Rawlings Elementary under the COE program?** You will be contacted by our Operator, Ms. Jason. She will provide you with information on registration for your student. If you do not complete registration by July 1<sup>st</sup>, your child's space is considered abandoned and will be offered to a family on the waitlist.

**Is transportation provided for students attending under COE?** No. Parents must provide all transportation for their student.