



Rowe Lower School
1420 W Augusta Blvd
Chicago, IL 60642
(773) 799-2730

Rowe Upper School
1424 N Cleaver St
Chicago, IL 60642
(312) 445-5870

www.northwesternsettlement.org

Rowe Elementary School Lottery Policy

2025 - 2026 Kindergarten Lottery: IF NEEDED, Rowe Elementary School's 2025 - 2026 Lottery will be held on Tuesday, April 29th at 5:00pm at Rowe Lower School in the auditorium. Our lottery will be open to the public, & families are welcome to attend. This will be the sole lottery that will be held. Please note that this lottery will only be held **IF** the number of applications exceeds our seats available for the kindergarten class. The video and lottery summary will be uploaded to Epicenter no later than 10 business days after the lottery took place (per our charter agreement).

Kindergarten Lottery: All students who have already enrolled Rowe siblings (live in the same home), will automatically be accepted into Rowe's kindergarten class. If our applications exceed our seats available for the incoming kindergarten class, we will use a blind manual lottery process. All students' names will be written on a notecard; all notecards will be put into a bingo basket and chosen randomly. Once all of the seats are filled, we will then begin pulling notecards for the wait list. If a kindergarten scholar is accepted and they have a sibling applying for a 1st - 8th grade seat, this child will be accepted if there is an available seat in the respective grade level. If there is not an available seat in the respective grade level, the child will move to "sibling priority" of that specific grade level. This means that the siblings will move to the top of the wait list in chronological order of when their sibling was accepted.

Notification to Families:

Acceptances: All families who children accepted to Rowe, will receive notification via mail to the address listed on their application. These letters will be mailed out no later than Friday, May 16th. Notification will be mailed in English and Spanish. Families will until Friday, May 23rd to "accept" or "decline" the seat. If we do not have the acceptance letter on file for families by May 23rd, the seat will not be guaranteed.

Waitlists: If a seat opens up on the waitlist, seats will be offered in chronological order and/or sibling priority if relevant. Families will be called, emailed, or will be mailed a letter home if a seat becomes available.

1st - 8th Grade Applications: Rowe will not hold a lottery for grades 1-8. Rowe will accept 1st - 8th grade scholars on a "rolling basis", based on availability and available seats in the respective grade. Therefore, if there is an available seat in the respective grade, the scholar will be automatically accepted, if there is not an available seat, the scholar will move to the wait list in order that the application was submitted. If a sibling is accepted, the 1st - 8th grade sibling will be automatically accepted if there are available seats or will move to sibling priority on the waitlist. Each year, an application will need to be filled out to reflect interest on the waitlist.

Please call the school with any questions.

Jason Smith - Principal (jsmith@nush.org)

Wendy Torres - Director of Student Recruitment & Family Engagement (wtorres@nush.org)



**northwestern
settlement**

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL