

NEW REGISTRATIONS ONLY

Application Process

The application process for Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School (BUMI) will follow the California Education Code for Charter Schools and the provisions included in the school's charter as approved by the Buckeye Union School District. Applications for new students are accepted during the designated open enrollment period each spring for the following school year. Following the open enrollment period, a determination is made as to whether the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available spaces for each class.

Starting with the 2024-2025 school year, the District is implementing a new student information system, namely Alma Start which is an online student registration system the District will be using. Alma is a secure, easy-to-use online system. You will find the details on the BUMI website (as well as the District website) on how to register your student in our new Alma student information system.

**Open Application Period 2024/25:
February 5, 2024 - March 15, 2024**

Public Random Drawing Procedure for BUMI Applicants

Applications will be accepted during a publicly advertised open enrollment period each year for enrollment in the following school year. Following the open enrollment period each year, applications shall be counted to determine whether any grade level and/or special programs has received more applications than the site has the capacity to accept. In the event that this happens, the Charter School will hold a public random drawing ("lottery") to determine admission for the impacted grade level and/or special program, with the exception of existing students, who are guaranteed admission in the following school year. In accordance with Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(B), admission preferences in the case of a lottery shall be given to the following students in the following order:

1. Students presently enrolled in BUMI.
2. Students who have siblings enrolled in BUMI (siblings include children living in the same household who share at least one parent, stepparent or guardian).
3. Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of the BUMI school site.
4. Students who are children of current employees of the Buckeye Union School District.
5. Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of the Buckeye Union School District.
6. Students who have at least one-year of prior Mandarin learning experience.
7. All other applicants.

Applicants not offered spaces immediately are placed on a waiting list within each priority category in the order of their lottery ticket number. Available spaces will be offered by order on the waiting list within each priority category as space becomes available. Applicants not offered spaces remain on the waiting list only for the school year for which they applied and are contacted if space becomes available during that school year.

**Public Random Drawing Date for 2024/25
02:30 p.m. - March 22, 2024**

Notification of Enrollment

Offers of admission will be made by email (a letter if no email provided) to the applicant's family, to be sent within ten (10) days of the enrollment lottery. The family will then have five (5) business days to respond. If the family does not respond, one additional phone call will be made, and the family has two (2) business days to contact the school. If the family still does not respond, the applicant will be considered to have "declined" and will lose his/her place in the class.

Wait List

Those not offered spaces immediately following the lottery will remain on the waiting list and be notified in order if additional spaces open up either before the school year begins or during the school year. Waiting lists remain in effect for only the year of application. Those who apply *after* the open enrollment period will be eligible for available spaces if/when there are no names on the open enrollment waiting lists. When there are multiple applications of this type, a second lottery process will be announced to determine order of admission.