

## **FAQ Wait list for the Academies@Englewood Class of 2021**

We are publishing a FAQ about the wait list. Students on the wait list have lots of questions, so hopefully you find an answer to yours here.

### **How does the wait list work?**

We are aiming for a class of about 140 students this year. We admitted 140 students, or 25% of applicants. However, based on our estimates of the percentage of admitted students who will attend (known as the "yield"), it is not possible to exactly predict how many students will attend this year. To help with the uncertainties, we keep a wait list of students.

### **Is the wait list ranked?**

No.

### **How many people are on the wait list?**

We offered approximately 40% of applicants a spot on the wait list. Not all of those students will choose to remain on the wait list.

### **Can you tell me where I am on the wait list?**

No, because it's not ranked. We will reconsider all of the waitlisted students again in April & May, when we know how many students remain on the wait list, and how many we wish to take from the wait list.

### **How many people will you admit from the wait list this year?**

It is impossible to know. We will have no idea how many people we will take from the wait list until April & May.

### **What has the wait list looked like, historically?**

In the last five years, we have admitted as few as 10 students from the wait list and as many as 100 students. However, it's impossible to know what will happen this year, since we don't yet know what the exact yield will be this year.

### **Can you tell me where my application was lacking, or what I should improve on?**

If we waitlisted you, it means we really like you, and you do not need to improve on your application. You should, however, continue to get good grades, as we may call your school to check on your academic progress.

**What are the realities here?**

True story: it's likely that 50% of the people on the wait list will not be admitted. But remember, what has happened in the past or on any other application doesn't impact your application.

**Whom do you admit from the wait list?**

For example, if someone from City X or Academy Y declines, are you likely to look for another student like them? Sometimes we look at things like that but we're not strict about it. So, if a Biomedicine Academy student from Bergenfield decides to go somewhere else, we may, or may not find another Biomedicine Academy student from Bergenfield on the wait list. It just depends on what the list looks like.

**Are in-district students given priority over out-of-district students on the wait list?**

No, but we do consider whether admitting out of out-of-district students from the wait list would put us over our out of district limit.

**If I'm waitlisted, can I come to visit the Academies@Englewood for a Student Shadow Day?**

No, I'm sorry.

**I'm still very interested in attending the Academies@Englewood. What should I do if I hope to be admitted from the waitlist?**

A wait list confirmation form will be available online in April. After you've heard back from all the high schools you've applied to, please use the form to let us know whether you wish to remain on the wait list or not.

You do not need to submit additional documents. Excessively emailing us will not help your case.

**What should I not do?**

Here are some things you should not do: Come to campus to make the case in person. Submit a whole new application. Bombard our office with calls and emails. Be pushy. Be sketchy. Let your grades drop.

**If I'm admitted off of the waitlist, do I have to go to the Academies@Englewood?**

You're not required to enroll.

**Okay, what should I do now?**

First, focus on choosing the best fit high school of those who have offered you admission. Wait lists are uncertain, so it is always best to ensure your happiness no matter what the outcome.

If you are still interested in Academies@Englewood, your chances of getting in are good.

And in the meantime... be patient. There won't be any wait list news until mid-April, early-May.

Good luck!

Sincerely,  
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