



## Frequently Asked Questions About the Wait Pool

**Q. What does it mean to be in the wait pool?**

A. Children invited to the wait pool are qualified applicants; we simply have many more applicants than spaces available.

**Q. Can I find out where my child is ranked in the wait pool?**

A. No, the wait pool is actually a group of applicants who have a continued interest in enrolling at Bertschi. It is not rank ordered.

**Q. How do you determine which applicants to take from the wait pool?**

A. When an opening occurs, the Admission team looks at a variety of factors, including gender balance, cultural and economic diversity, learning styles, and social skills. We then determine who might be the best fit given the current makeup of the class.

**Q. Are students ever accepted from the wait pool?**

A. Yes – we accept wait pool applicants at all grade levels. The process depends on many factors – families offered contracts may relocate or decide to pursue other school options.

**Q. How will you contact me if you're ready to offer my child a place?**

A. We will send an e-mail if we have a place to offer for your child. Please make sure the Admission Office has your best contacts.

**R. How long does this process go on?**

A. Typically, we offer places to students in the wait pool within the first two weeks to one month after notification. However, occasionally an opening may occur in late spring or summer, so it is important to keep us informed of your continued interest in Bertschi and updated with your contact information if anything changes. We will send regular updates throughout the spring and summer to families who elect to remain in the wait pool.

**Q. We have an offer from another school. How do I know whether to accept it?**

A. After March 28th, the Admission Office can give you information on how many contracts have been returned at your child's grade level to help you evaluate your options. Our goal is to support families through this process to the best of our ability. We recognize that this can be a difficult and stressful time.

*If you have further questions, please call the Admission Office  
at 206-442-6855 or e-mail [admit@bertschi.org](mailto:admit@bertschi.org).  
Thank you for your interest in Bertschi School.*