



DJOD Lottery Protocol 3-24-2020

Thank you to the 766 applicants that applied to Dr. John Ochsner Discovery (DJOD) for 2020-21. The trust and interest of the community in Discovery Schools is overwhelming. It is a strong affirmation of your desire for choice in education and for high achieving public schools. The lottery is being conducted virtually to follow Governor John Bel Edwards recent statewide “stay at home” orders due to COVID-19.

Dr. John Ochsner Discovery will open its doors in the fall of 2020 with grades Kindergarten through 4th. The following year, 21-22, the school will serve students in grades Pre-K through 6th and will expand fully to 8th grade by 2023.

This year, we had 766 applicants for DJOD. We have 78 open seats in grades K, 2, 3, and 4. We have 6 open seats in 1st grade. This is due to the current Kindergartners at our Discovery Education Center matriculating to 1st grade at DJOD. The open seats for 1st grade will be offered to Ochsner Employee applicants, as aligned with the agreements of our partnership.

The lottery protocol was approved by the Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Board, aligns with our Ochsner partnership, and allows us to meet guidelines as mandated by state statutes.

We plan to send lottery results by tomorrow afternoon, March 25. We look forward to meeting all of our new DJOD students in person later in the year and wish you the best of luck in today’s lottery.