



## **Pineywoods Community Academy Open Enrollment Admission Policy**

Admission to PARAMUS ECHS is contingent upon being first accepted into Pineywoods Community Academy through the district's pre-established lottery system.

All students currently enrolled in PCA are eligible for the ECHS program without regard for background or academic performance.

The Early College High School is designed to serve students in grades 9-12 who are at risk of dropping out of school and who may not otherwise have access to a college education.

**Open enrollment begins the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of January of the current school year and ends the last Friday of March.** If the number of eligible applicants does not exceed the number of vacancies, then all eligible applicants who applied during the open enrollment time frame will be offered admission after the open enrollment period is completed. If there are more eligible applicants than available spaces in a grade, then a lottery will be conducted during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April of the current year.

During the lottery, a name is drawn for each vacancy that is available. Each eligible applicant's name drawn will be offered admission into Pineywoods Community Academy to fill spaces in that grade level. Once available spaces are exhausted, the remaining names are placed on a lottery waiting list. PCA will notify all applicants via U.S. Mail after the drawing whether their child was accepted for the upcoming school year or placed on a lottery waiting list.

### ***Nondiscrimination Statement***

***Pineywoods Academy does not discriminate on acceptance into the school based on gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academics, artistic, or athletic ability.***

***Pineywoods Academy will deny admission to students with a documented history of criminal offense, juvenile court adjudication, suspension or expulsion from a previous school, or discipline problems under TEC Chapter 37.***