Commonly Asked Questions about Andover’s Waiting List

Each year, Andover places a select group of students on a waiting list in the hope that openings will become available for them. We are pleased that you are considering our offer to be on the waiting list, and we hope that the following information will help address some of your questions. As always, do not hesitate to contact the admission office if you have remaining questions after reviewing the information below.

What do I need to do to remain on the waiting list?

- Call the admission office and let us know that you accept a place on the waiting list. If you do not wish to remain on our waiting list, please let us know.
- Periodically during the spring and summer months, the admission office will contact you to see if you want to remain on the waiting list. You will need to respond to our inquiries to confirm your continued interest in Andover.

Is the waiting list ranked?

- The Phillips Academy waiting list is not ranked. Each student has an equal opportunity to be considered for any opening that may become available in the grade to which he/she applied.

How many students are placed on the waiting list?

- The number constantly changes during the spring and summer as some students decide not to remain on the waiting list and late applicants are added to the list.

When will I know if I have been admitted?

- It is impossible to predict if/when spots may become available for waiting list candidates. In the past, we have taken students off the waiting list as early as May and as late as August. If you are on the waiting list, you should keep the admission office informed of your timetable with other educational options.

Is there other information that I should add to my application?

- The admission office asks that you send a final transcript at the end of the school year to keep your file up to date. Additional information is not necessary.

How can I find out why I was put on the waiting list?

- The Admission Committee reviews every application with great care and is ultimately forced to make some very difficult decisions. With a talented pool and limited spaces, we are unable to accept many excellent candidates. While we recognize there may be questions about how and why we make the decisions we do, we cannot discuss or disclose specific reasons for admission decisions. We hope you will understand our commitment to the integrity of the application process and to the confidentiality of the Admission Committee deliberations.