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With the nursery admission guidelines set to come out any time this week, parents are getting anxious about the admission of their children.

And no one is more anxious than those whose kids failed to secure admission last year. Blaming the points system, many feel that a simple lottery will give their children a better chance at going to school this year.

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### ADMISSION CHECKLIST

- Birth Certificate issued by municipal corporation or equivalent authority (Few schools ask with name of the child printed)
- Proof of residential address
- Baptism certificate and letter from the priest (for Catholics)
- Affidavit in case of single parents
- Affidavit of first born/girl child
- School identity card of sibling studying the school.
- Certificate of disability issued by competent authority; immunisation chart of the child; medical certificate)
- Proof of Alumni ( 12th passing certificate from respective school)

In a recent survey conducted with more than a thousand parents revealed that 72% parents would rather go for a lottery system instead of the points system. Last year's points system had disgruntled many as schools gave priority to alumni in the distribution.

The survey was conducted by admissionsnursery.com, a portal for parents. "The reason for this result is that a lot of parents have been disillusioned by the new guidelines that were released last year after the implementation of the Right to Education Act. Prior to this, a similar survey had 65% parents opting for the points system," said Sumit Vohra, founder of the website.

Delhi education minister, Arvinder Singh had announced last year that the sale of forms would start on January 2 and that the guidelines will come out this week. The Delhi HC verdict on the minimum age for admission to nursery is expected to come out on Wednesday.

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Even as the wait for nursery admission guidelines for the academic year 2011-12 continues, public schools in the Capital have reiterated their preference for 100-point system followed till 2009. They conveyed the same to the government, which had asked for their suggestions. The schools said conducting a lottery within various categories for nursery admission, as suggested by the human resource and development (HRD) ministry's guidelines under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, is unjust.

"The point system is the most transparent, child-friendly, rational and objective way for nursery admissions. Parents have a fair idea whether their child will make it to a particular school in the point system and hence they apply accordingly. But with lottery system one is left at the mercy of luck and parents will be subjected to insurmountable anxiety," said Ameeta Wattal, secretary of National Progressive Schools' Conference and principal of Springdales School, Pusa Road.

She also added that public schools be allowed to retain the management quota.

Principals have also pointed to the inherent contradictions within the RTE Act. "It says children be admitted to neighbourhood schools, but with lottery, it is all about chance," said RK Sharma, principal of Ahlcon Public School in Mayur Vihar. He said due to lack of quality schools in the neighbourhood, parents are often forced to apply to far-off schools.