

Diversity in Admissions Pilot

M.S. 839 (15K839)

M.S. 839 aims to reflect the diversity of the student population in District 15 and will be piloting a new admissions policy starting with students applying this fall to enter sixth grade in September 2017. MS839 believes an integrated school made up of students of a wide range of familial backgrounds, races, genders, economic levels, immigration statuses, and abilities benefits *all* students academically and socio-emotionally.

As part of the admissions pilot, the school will give priority to applicants eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) for 40% of seats. Families of students in District 15 who meet this criteria, and all other interested students, are encouraged to apply by ranking the program on their middle school application, which is due to elementary schools on **December 1**. Students with Disabilities (SWD) participate in the admissions process in the same manner as their General Education peers. As per DOE policy, M.S. 839 will admit the number of SWDs equivalent to the percentage of students in the district.

M.S. 839 admits students through an **Unscreened** admissions method. For their admissions process, students are selected randomly for the available seats.

Applicants eligible for FRL will be prioritized for 40% of seats. Any FRL applicants remaining after FRL priority is given will be considered as part of the larger applicant pool.