

# Diversity in Admissions Pilot

## East Side Community School (01M450)

East Side Community School (01M450), in its core value of Commitment to Diversity, aims to serve a diverse student population and will be piloting a new admissions policy starting with students applying this fall to enter sixth grade in September 2017. East Side Community School strongly believes that one of the biggest strengths and causes for success for all students is the diverse learning community and unique life experiences that currently exists in the school in contributing to their school culture and academic discussions.

The pilot is designed to preserve this culture and continue to foster a model of inclusive education at the school.

**As part of the admissions pilot, the school will give priority to applicants eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) for 62% of seats.** Families of students in District 1 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, East Side Community School will admit the number of SWDs equivalent to the percentage of students in the district.

East Side Community School admits students through a **Screened** admissions method. For their admissions process, they evaluate students based on the following:

- Student attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrated interest through a school visit or written contact
- Student interview
- Priority to students of current siblings
- Student ranking on the application

**Applicants eligible for FRL will be prioritized for 62% of seats.** Any FRL applicants remaining after FRL priority is given will be considered as part of the larger applicant pool.