

Diversity in Admissions Pilot

East Side Middle School (02M114)

East Side Middle School (02M114), 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 Middle School values students' unique life experiences in contributing to their school culture and academic discussions.

The pilot is designed to 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 10% of seats. Families of students in District 2 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 Middle School will admit the number of SWDs equivalent to the percentage of students in the district.

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

- Academic and personal behaviors
- Student attendance and punctuality
- Final 4th grade report card
- 4th grade NYS ELA and Math exams
- Student interview
- Math exercise
- Writing prompt
- Student ranking on the application

Applicants eligible for FRL will be prioritized for 10% of seats. Any FRL applicants remaining after FRL priority is given will be considered as part of the larger applicant pool.