

Diversity in Admissions Pilot

The Math & Science Exploratory School (15K447)

The Math & Science Exploratory School (M.S. 447), 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. The Math & Science Exploratory 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 30% of seats. Additionally, the school will rank a diverse range of learners in their admissions process. 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. 447 will admit the number of SWDs equivalent to the percentage of students in the district.

The Math & Science Exploratory School admits students through a **Screened** admissions method. For their admissions process, they evaluate students based on the following:

- Academic and personal behaviors
- Final 4th grade report card
- ELA and Math entrance exams
- Priority to students of current siblings of 6th and 7th grade students

Applicants eligible for FRL will be prioritized for 30% of seats. Students across all performance levels will be ranked for admission. Any FRL applicants remaining after FRL priority is given will be considered as part of the larger applicant pool.