The D15 Diversity Plan process has been established to create a community-based middle school diversity plan for School District 15 in Brooklyn, New York.

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is committed to supporting schools and programs that reflect New York City’s diversity. In June 2017, we released our diversity plan, Equity and Excellence for All: Diversity in New York City Public Schools. As part of this plan, we are engaging with New York City communities to discuss ways to increase school diversity and offer more formal support and guidance.

Our goal is to create a D15 Diversity Plan that will promote diversity in District 15’s middle schools and help shape district-level policies across New York City. To best meet this goal, we are engaging community members, using their input to help shape the plan, and making data related to school diversity more transparent.
D15 Demographic Snapshot

Currently Enrolled Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)
School Year 2017-2018

Racial Demographics

- Asian: 9%
- Black: 12%
- Hispanic: 12%
- White: 32%
- Other: 2%

Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL)

- Currently Enrolled Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)
- School Year 2017-2018

- FRL: 52%

English Language Learners (ELL)

- Currently Enrolled Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)
- School Year 2017-2018

- ELL: 9%

Individualized Education Program

- Currently Enrolled Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)
- School Year 2017-2018

- IEP: 26%
Meet with child's counselor.

Attend District Middle School Fairs and open houses.

If applicable submit Request For Testing (RFT) for Talent Programs.

Main Round Middle School Application is available.

Application is due early December.

For Screened Programs:
Complete required assessments or portfolios.

New Schools Round Application available and due.

Middle school Match letters are distributed by school counselors.

Return notification letter to school counselor if action is required.

Complete and return an appeal form from your elementary school counselor.

If appeal is granted the middle school match will automatically be updated.
D15 Middle School Screens

District 15 has 11 middle schools. Ten of the schools use screens, or specific selection criteria to admit students. M.S. 839 is a lottery school; students who apply are randomly selected. Each school’s screens, racial demographics, corresponding neighborhood and district demographics are outlined below:

Source: NYC DOE (District 15 Students / Grades 6-8 / SY 17-18)

**Boerum Hill School for International Studies**
- School: M.S. 442
- Neighborhood: Carroll Gardens
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - International Studies
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Course Grades: ELA
  - Course Grades: Math
  - Attendance
  - Punctuality

**Brooklyn Collaborative**
- School: M.S. 136
- Neighborhood: Carroll Gardens
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - Brooklyn Collaborative
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Attendance
  - Course Grades: ELA
  - Course Grades: Math
  - Attendance/Punctuality

**School for Innovation (M.S. 442)**
- School: M.S. 88
- Neighborhood: Windsor Terrace
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Attendance/Punctuality
  - Course Grades: ELA
  - Course Grades: Math

**Charles O. Dewey Middle School (M.S. 136)**
- School: M.S. 88
- Neighborhood: Sunset Park
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - M.S. 136
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Attendance
  - Final 4th Grade Report Card
  - 4th Grade New York State ELA and Math Exams

**M.S. 839**
- School: M.S. 839*
- Neighborhood: Kensington
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - M.S. 839*
  - Students who apply to this program will be randomly selected.

**M.S. 88**
- School: M.S. 88
- Neighborhood: Sunset Park
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - M.S. 88
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Attendance
  - Final 4th Grade Report Card
  - 4th Grade New York State ELA and Math Exams

**New Voices School of Academic & Creative Arts**
- School: New Voices +
- Neighborhood: Sunset Park
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - New Voices +
  - Academic & Creative Arts
  - Interview

**Park Slope Collegiate**
- School: Park Slope Collegiate
- Neighborhood: Park Slope
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - Park Slope Collegiate
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Interview

**Sunset Park Preparatory**
- School: Sunset Park Prep
- Neighborhood: Sunset Park
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - Sunset Park Preparatory
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Final 4th Grade Report Card
  - 4th Grade New York State ELA and Math Exams

**The Math & Science Exploratory School**
- School: Math & Science
- Neighborhood: Boerum Hill
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - Math & Science
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Final 4th Grade Report Card

**William Alexander Middle School (M.S. 51)**
- School: M.S. 51
- Neighborhood: Park Slope
- District: District 15
- Admissions:
  - M.S. 51
  - Academic and Personal Behaviors
  - Final 4th Grade Report Card

*Commonly perceived to be between Sunset Park & Southern Park Slope.

Other criteria to admit students. M.S. 839 is a lottery school; students who apply are randomly selected.
One way to examine segregation in schools (or the geographic isolation of specific types of students), is to compare a specific category of students at an individual school to the district's average for the same category.

For example, as seen on the following page, 77% of Sunset Park Prep's students are Hispanic while the district average for Hispanic students is 41%.

This can be looked at from a range of factors, including Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL). For example, 19% of Math & Science’s students qualify for FRL, compared to the district average of 52%.

It is important to note that several factors affect school segregation including, housing segregation, school travel distance and which type of students apply to certain schools - among others.
Asian
District Average: 9.7%

Source: NYC DOE (District 15 Students / Grades 6-8 / SY 17-18)

Black
District Average: 14.8%

Source: NYC DOE (District 15 Students / Grades 6-8 / SY 17-18)
Hispanic
District Average: 40.7%

White
District Average: 32.2%

Source: NYC DOE (District 15 Students / Grades 6-8 / SY 17-18)
**FRL (Free & Reduced Lunch)**
District Average: 51.6%

- Math & Science: 20%
- International Studies: 43%
- Brooklyn Collaborative: 67%
- Sunset Park Prep: 96%
- M.S. 839: 30%
- M.S. 51: 80%
- Park Slope Collegiate: 45%
- New Voices School: 30%
- M.S. 442: 49%
- M.S. R39: 42%

Source: NYC DOE (District 15 Students / Grades 6-8 / SY 17-18)

**IEP (Individualized Education Program)**
District Average: 25.8%

- Math & Science: 21%
- International Studies: 24%
- Brooklyn Collaborative: 34%
- Sunset Park Prep: 21%
- M.S. 839: 24%
- M.S. 51: 25%
- Park Slope Collegiate: 26%
- New Voices School: 21%
- M.S. 442: 39%
- M.S. R39: 29%

Source: NYC DOE (District 15 Students / Grades 6-8 / SY 17-18)
Challenges to Integration

Please help us identify challenges to creating meaningful integration within District 15 middle schools. Below are some suggestions for your consideration. What do you think is missing? What is most important to you?

- Perception of Schools
- Admissions Policies
- Curriculum
- Access to Information
- Physical Access
- Funding
- Travel to School
- Overcrowding
- Safety

In your opinion, what are the main barriers to meaningful school integration?

Are there other elements you think we should consider/prioritize?

What do you like to see change in the middle school admissions process?

What aspects of a Diversity Plan are most important to you?

What do you love most about your school?

How will you decide which middle school your child will attend?
D15 Diversity Plan
Process Diagram

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Public Workshop #1

Working Group

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DRAFT PLAN

PLAN

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Working Group

FINAL PLAN

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March 2018

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Options
May 2018

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Plan
June 2018

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- New York Department of Education

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