

### **District 3 Diversity Plan**

District 3 has a districtwide plan to increase middle school diversity. The development of the plan was driven by local parents and educators, including the District 3 Community Education Council and its Middle School Committee, the District 3 superintendent, and District 3 elementary and middle school principals.

The plan will be in place for students entering sixth grade in Fall 2019. The plan prioritizes middle school seats for students who qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program (FRL) and who are lower-performing. An FRL-eligible student may be defined as lower-performing based:

- 30% on final fourth-grade ELA course grade
- 30% on final fourth-grade math course grade
- 20% on NYS ELA test score J
- 20% on NYS math test score

Students who are FRL-eligible and lowest-performing based on the above weights are considered to be part of Group A, while students who are FRL-eligible and lower-performing are considered to be part of Group B. The admissions scenario would give a priority at each District 3 middle school of:

- 10% of seats to students in Group A
- 15% of seats to students in Group B
- The remaining 75% of seats are open to all students.

Under this plan, admissions methods remain the same, meaning that screened schools will continue to have selection criteria.