

EASTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

THE PRIDE OF CAPITOL HILL



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to apply to get into Eastern?

Eastern Senior High School is not an application school. We will provide a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum to all who attend. Current eighth grade students living within Eastern's boundary or attending one its feeder middle schools (Eliot-Hine, Jefferson, or Stuart-Hobson) are automatically guaranteed a seat in the freshman class and must only complete annual DCPS enrollment and residency forms in April. We strongly encourage all students to complete these documents by June 1, 2011. All other students and families who would like to join the Eastern community must participate in the DC Public Schools Out-of-Boundary Lottery between January 28, 2011 and February 28, 2011. More details about this process can be found on the DCPS website: www.dcps.dc.gov.

What classes will I take?

The 300 students in the Class of 2015 will spend their ninth grade year establishing a solid academic foundation and a collaborative school culture based on leadership and respect. A standard schedule will consist of English, Algebra or Geometry, Biology, World History I, Spanish, Physical Education, and the Arts. Ninth graders can also choose the Health and Medical Sciences Academy, which will offer coursework in preparation for pre-med studies, nursing, pharmacy, and emergency medical services. We will offer exciting electives beginning in Grade 10 in subjects such as Law, Journalism, and Economics. As juniors and seniors, students will decide whether they would like to pursue the International Baccalaureate world diploma or take individual Advanced Placement courses.

What Special Education services are available at Eastern?

Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) are welcome to enroll at Eastern and receive appropriate supports in the least restrictive environment for their needs. We are also proud of our services for students with autism and will admit ninth grade students to the program in the fall.

Will there be athletic and extra-curricular opportunities?

We believe that high-quality athletics, arts and music programs, and career exploration opportunities are essential components to the high school experience, and we are committed to providing students with a well-rounded education. Eastern has a long history of strong sportsmanship as well as a legendary school band. These traditions will continue in the years to come with sports each season and an active after-school life.

Where can I learn more information?

Families are our most important partners in this work and we look forward to continuing dialogue throughout the year. Meetings will be scheduled in the coming months regarding academic programs, summer orientation for freshmen, and other important topics. We will send you updates via email, and we also invite you to visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/easternhighschool. To be added to our mailing list, please contact Rachel Skerritt, incoming principal, at rachel.skerritt@dc.gov or (202) 939-5299.