

# The Movement for Integration in New York City

## History & Resources

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## BACKGROUND

Over the past decade in New York City, several organizations representing students, parents, educators and other community advocates have worked tirelessly to dismantle school segregation in favor for Real Integration.

To ensure recently elected and appointed city leadership has an understanding of the policies, practices and laws in place that support meaningful integration, we are providing a comprehensive resource document. For NYC leaders to understand what we must change, they must also know our history, the tools already at our disposal, and the policies and laws that require accountability.

### History

- [Within Our Reach Briefing](#) - In depth explanation of elementary school segregation in NYC.
- [The History of the 5Rs of Real Integration](#) - Descriptions of the history of segregation and attempts to integrate that led to the development of the 5Rs of Real Integration.
- [How the 1960's Civil Rights Movement Informs the Present-Day Integration Movement](#) - IntegrateNYC's digital zine explains the history of the freedom schools, Dr. King's journey and the transition from reform to revolution.

### Seminal Reports and Guidance

- [School Diversity Advisory Group \(SDAG\) Reports I and II](#) - The SDAG was a working group commissioned by the mayor to develop a blueprint for integrated and inclusive schools in NYC. They released their seminal findings and reports in 2019.
- [Segregation is Killing Us](#) - A report by Territorial Empathy detailing how segregation is a public health crisis only exacerbated by COVID-19.
- [Asian Pacific Americans for Educational Equity](#) - A report by CACF outlining recommendations to support the AAPI community.
- [Fordham Feerick Center for Social Justice Reports](#)
  - [Public Schools, Public Oversight](#) provided recommendations for greater transparency in HS admissions at the onset of COVID-19.
  - [The Next Step](#) outlines recommendations to prioritize equity and recovery in NYC admissions.

### Campaigns in Support of Real Integration

- [Priorities for Real Integration](#) - The Integration Coalition's list of priorities to guide former Mayor de Blasio's last 100 days in office and Mayor Adams' first 100 days.
- [CACF Stands Committed to Ensuring a Challenging and Inspiring Education for All](#) - CACF's statement and resources to support rethinking gifted education.
- [End the Use of Discriminatory Admission Methods](#) - Student-led IntegrateNYC's advocacy video explains exclusionary admissions screens.
- [Education Unscreened](#) - Student-led Teens Take Charge's call to eliminate exclusionary admission screens.
- [District 2 Letter](#) - Educators from District 2 ask to center the voices and needs of underrepresented students in the screening process in their district.
- [DOE Letter](#) - Coalition of NYC Department of Education employees' letter petitioning for anti-racist policies.
- [Screens are for Bugs](#) - NYCASID exposes absurdity of discriminatory admission methods with the help of local students in this video.

### Local Laws and Adopted Policies

- [Equity and Excellence for All](#) - NYCDOE formal commitment to having learning environments reflect the diversity of the City.
- [Diversity Accountability Act](#) - Passed in 2015, requires public data on racial demographic breakdown of all NYC schools, including special programs and documentation of all of NYCDOE's diversity initiatives.
- [School Diversity Advisory Group Adopted Recommendations](#) - 62 of 67 formally adopted by NYCDOE in 2019.
- [Local Law 224 and 225 of 2019](#) - Requires all community school districts in NYC to have diversity working group by 2024. Also requires the permanent establishment of the school diversity advisory group