The distribution of applicants by ward of residence was within 1% of overall public school enrollment in SY2020-21 for most wards, except for Wards 6, 7, and 8. For example, in 2021 Ward 4 applicants represented 17% of the applicant pool, and 16% of the total school-aged children enrolled in public school in the District of Columbia.

Note: The SY2021-22 lottery cycle was conducted amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Outreach and engagement to families shifted from in-person to virtual support in response to the demands of the public health emergency.