



# ADMISSIONS APPLICATION 2016-2017

Mail completed application to PRIDE Academy Charter School, 117 Elmwood Ave, East Orange, NJ 07018 or FAX the application to 973-672-3207.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Current School \_\_\_\_\_

What grade is the student currently in? \_\_\_\_\_

What grade is this student applying for in the **2016-2017** school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number / Name of Street) (Apt. #) (City) (Zip Code)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) (P.O. Box # or Number/Name of Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Check one (optional):  Hispanic  Black  White  American Indian/Alaskan  Asian / Pacific Islander

Information about race, gender and ethnicity is collected for statistical purposes required by the State of New Jersey. Pride Academy is committed to serving all students, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, academic ability, disability, or socioeconomic status.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Check one:  Parent  Step-parent  Legal Guardian Check one:  Parent  Step-parent  Legal Guardian

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Sibling Policy** Preference is given to siblings of enrolled students (N.J.S.A 36A-8c). Once a student is admitted, if the student has a sibling or siblings who have also applied for admission, they will automatically be admitted, as space allows.

Please list any siblings (brothers/sisters) applying for or enrolled at PRIDE Academy Charter School this year.

Sibling Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2016-17 \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled at Pride

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



# PRIDE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## PRIDE in YOUR SCHOOL

- ❑ Experience choice in education
- ❑ Cultivate higher order thinking skills
- ❑ Thrive in a rigorous academic middle school environment

## PRIDE in YOUR COMMUNITY

- ❑ Impact the three cities of Orange, East Orange, Newark
- ❑ Build values of Peace, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Empathy
- ❑ Respond to social issues through innovative community service projects

## PRIDE in YOURSELF

- ❑ Prepare yourself for top high schools
- ❑ Exhibit leadership in your school and community
- ❑ Improve reading and math skills with dedicated teachers

## Please Join Us at our Next Lottery!

All students will be selected in an admission lottery held at our school building.

Check our website for the date and time of our next lottery.

**Walk-in applications are accepted at the lottery, but you must be present to submit an application at least 30 minutes before the lottery.**

Any questions, contact us.

**PRIDE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**117 Elmwood Ave**

**East Orange, New Jersey 07018**

**Phone: 973-672-3200 Fax: 973-672-3207**

**Website: [www.prideacs.org](http://www.prideacs.org)**

# PRIDE Academy Charter School

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**What is PRIDE Academy Charter School?**

PRIDE Academy is a charter school dedicated to serving middle school students in the communities of East Orange, Orange, and Newark, New Jersey.

**What is a charter school?**

New Jersey's charter schools are free public schools that are open to all children and typically offer their students more individualized attention, longer school days, longer school years, and innovative programs with substantially less funding than other public schools.

**What is PRIDE Academy's mission?**

*"PRIDE Academy Charter School endeavors to ignite success in middle school students of all abilities through a curriculum rooted in the values of peace, respect, integrity, determination, and empathy. By establishing a community dedicated to academic achievement, mastery of fundamental skills, positive leadership, and active service, PRIDE Academy Charter School strives to embolden its students to harness their own power to shape their future and the world."*

**What are the school's core values?**

PRIDE Academy Charter School's community is built upon a commitment from all school members—teachers, administrators, student and parents---to live the core values of peace, respect, integrity, determination, and empathy.

**What distinguishes PRIDE Academy Charter School?**

PRIDE Academy Charter School is set apart by its 5 core components:

- A fully integrated curriculum dedicated to academic rigor
- A school-wide focus on the development of higher order thinking skills through the PACS Learning Cycle, an original pedagogical approach to strengthen higher order thinking.
- A commitment to accountability and action
- A dedication to professional growth
- A respect for the interconnectedness of community

**Who are the PRIDE Academy Charter School Founders?**

PRIDE Academy Charter School was designed by a group of educational and parent leaders with over 50 years collective school experience in Newark and East Orange New Jersey.

**When did PRIDE Academy open?**

PRIDE Academy Charter School opened its doors to students September 2008.

**What grade levels does PRIDE Academy teach?**

PRIDE Academy Charter School serves students in grades 5-8. The entire student body numbers 264, with 3 classes of 22 students per each grade. The teacher student ratio is 1:14.

**How does PRIDE Academy select its students?**

PRIDE Academy Charter School conducts a lottery in front of interested parents and observers to determine who will be admitted, pursuant with *N.J.S.A. 36A-8(a)*. All applicants will be entered into the lottery. Names are drawn from a lottery drum until all spaces are filled and will continue to establish the waiting list. Students will be placed on the waiting list in the order their names are drawn. After a class is filled, the order of the waiting list will be established by continuing to draw names in a public lottery.