

**East Silver Spring/Sligo Creek/Takoma Park/Piney Branch Elementary Schools**  
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**CRITERIA**

- Straight articulation from elementary to middle school.
- Minimize number of students impacted.
- Avoid overutilization and underutilization of schools, including middle schools.
- Respect community boundaries.
- Balance demographics at elementary schools and middle school level.
- Maximize walking access to schools and minimize busing.
- Maintain healthy, strong Academy Program at Sligo Creek ES.
- Provide stable boundaries that will have longevity.
- Provide contiguous boundaries.
- Respect natural, geographic boundaries.
- Consider impact to Title I Statutes.
- Consider fiscal impact of option.
- Consider balance between owner occupied and rental housing.
- Consider impact on Academy Program for Sligo Creek (don't conflate)
- If split articulation occurs in options, ensure at least 25 percent of students are split.