



Closing out the School Year: What Students in Grades 6-12 Need to Know

When is the last day of school?

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 24. The last day for graduating seniors is Thursday, June 10.

When will I receive my report card?

Report cards will be available in Aspen on Monday, July 5 and will be mailed home later that week.

What are my options if I receive an “I” (incomplete) in a course due to course failure?

High School

High school students who receive an “I” due to course failure will have the opportunity to resolve that mark through summer school credit recovery or, in through completing an independent study if the course is not offered through credit recovery. Students should talk to their school counselor about options and to enroll in summer school. Students who complete summer courses with a passing grade by August 6 will be able to clear the “I” off of their record for the current year. Please note, DCPS summer school will run July 6 – August 6 and will be held virtually in SY20-21. If a summer course is not completed with a passing mark, the “I” grade will convert to an F at the end of summer school.

Middle School

Middle school students can resolve an “I” in courses by participating in summer programming that will occur between July 6 and August 6. Student should speak with their counselor to discuss options.

What do I need in order to graduate?

To be conferred as a June graduate, students must earn all necessary credits by passing required coursework prior to June 10. We’re excited to celebrate the class of 2021 in person. Visit dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-graduation-ceremonies to learn more.

Pre-graduation: June 1- June 11

- Cap
- Gown
- Refunds of senior dues (as applicable)
- Return textbooks

Post-graduation: June 28-July 2

- Drop off borrow laptops and hotspots
- Diplomas
- Awards
- Final Transcripts

Students who do not finish coursework in time for June graduation may be eligible for August graduation after completing summer school.



How is the district making decisions on promotion and retention in 2020-21?

Except in very limited circumstances, students in grades K-8 will be promoted to their next grade. Since a majority of our students continued to learn at home this year, we do not think it is in our student's best interest to keep them from progressing to the next grade through retention. DCPS is committed to working with students and families to leverage critical supports and interventions this summer and next school year in order to identify and address any learning gaps students may experience.

Please note, promotion and retention decisions are ultimately made by principals based upon student data and in collaboration with each student's teacher(s). Families have the right to appeal a retention through written communication with the school's cluster Superintendent.

How can I request my grade to be displayed differently on my transcript (for example I would like to show my "C" rather than a "P")?

Students can reach out directly to their school counselor or administrator by email or phone to request this modification. Schools will process the changes as requested.

How do I enroll in summer learning?

School counselors will enroll and schedule students in summer learning programming. Students should speak with their counselor if they have questions about enrollment, course availability, or the virtual summer learning feeder pattern. Students and families can find additional information on summer learning recovery here: dcps.dc.gov/summer.