

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome Back DCPS Community!

Back to School Info Session

August 22, 2024

DCPS Had a Great Summer!











We Missed You This Summer! Thank You for Joining Us.



CAPITAL -**COMMITMENT**

ONE

EQUITY IMPERATIVE:

All DCPS students have access to the tools, support, and resources they need to succeed.



COMMITMENTS:

Value our people. Partner with our community.

THREE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:











dcpsstrong.com/strategic-plan







Attendance Every Day Counts!

EVERY DAY **COUNTS** If you are having difficulty attending school regularly, please contact the attendance staff at your school.

Attendance

Attendance Counts Every Day, Starting Day 1!

- Attendance is legally required
- Attendance impacts student grades
- Attendance helps account for student safety
- Attendance rates help guide school- and Districtplanning

Review the <u>DCPS Attendance Policy</u> and call your School Attendance POC if you have questions or need assistance with attendance

Important Notice Elementary School Attendance for SY24-25

- For the 2024-2025 school year, DC Public Schools (DCPS) elementary schools will implement the "60/40" attendance policy as required by the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).
- This means if your child attends school for less than 60% of the day, it will be tracked as a 60/40 absence.
- This applies to both excused and unexcused absences. (See 5-A DCMR § 2199.1.)
- The 60/40 attendance policy will continue to be implemented at the secondary level, meaning students must attend at least 60% of their class periods to be marked present for the day.

Questions?

- Learn more at <u>dcpsstrong.com</u>.
- Review the complete <u>DCPS Attendance and Truancy Policy</u>.
- Contact your school.

How can I support my child with on time, daily attendance?



The Night Before

- Set a regular bedtime schedule.
- Prepare student's school bag, lunch, and clothes for the next day.
- Set an alarm on phone or alarm clock.





- Set a regular routine for waking up and eating breakfast at home or at school.
- Try to leave the house at the same time every day.

After School



- Set a regular routine for completing homework.
- Ask questions about school and friends.
- Provide incentives for good attendance and talk about consequences for missing school.

Throughout the year

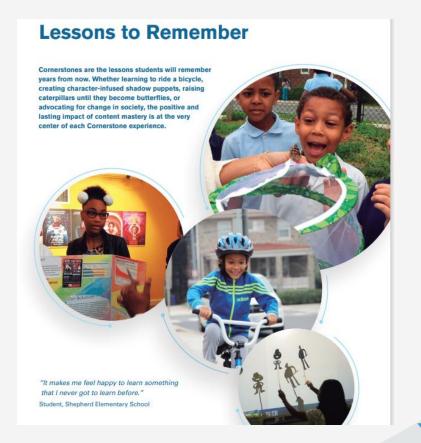


- Set consistent expectations about attendance, reinforce why attendance matters, and refuse to write a note for unacceptable reasons.
- Stay informed about school policies regarding start times and excused/unexcused absences.
- Provide a note for excused absences within five school days.
- Plan vacations and appointments when school is not in session.

Fun in (and out of) the Classroom *Cornerstones, DREAM, Technology, and More!*

Cornerstones

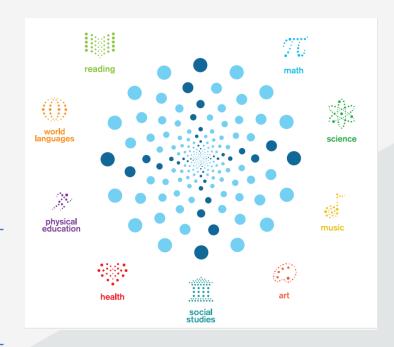
Cornerstones are high-quality, **stand-out experiential learning opportunities** that engage **all** students in authentic, anti-racist social, emotional, and academic learning beyond the classroom.



Memorable for students and school community

Every School ... Every Student

Educative value that enriches students beyond the classroom



Cornerstones Highlights

K-5	6-8	9-12
1st Grade - Aeronautical Engineering Students apply knowledge about how airplanes fly to the airplanes they build. Partnership with Smithsonian Air & Space Museum for virtual and in-	6th Grade - Outdoor Pursuits Students experience the outdoors through hiking, climbing, and kayaking.	10th Grade - Life I Choose Students compose and perform an original narrative poem that reflects the theme of "life choices."
person field trips		District-wide poetry showcase for students and families
2nd Grade - Biking in the Park Students identify and define basic safety methods to safely ride a bicycle. Community Bike rides	Grades 6-8 Everyday DC Students produce a series of photographs to showcase their own story in their community and city.	Grades 9-12 Archery Students learn safety strategies and skills to participate in an archery tournament.
	District-wide showcase partnership w/Pulitzer Center	District-wide tournament
Grades 3-5 Art & Advocacy Students create original art that advocates for a cause that they believe.	8th Grade - Simulated Congressional Hearings Students present and defend their findings to a simulated congressional panel.	Grades 9-12 Transform DC Students contribute their class murals to a series of panels produced by high school art classes across the city.
	District-wide MS competition	District-wide Community Day





DREAM*

Three ways to support your student in math at home:

1. Access our Family Math Unit Overviews and Math Focused Parent University Recordings online: bit.ly/puondemand



2. Remind your student to access digital platforms via Clever to practice math skills at home with iReady, Zearn, or DeltaMath





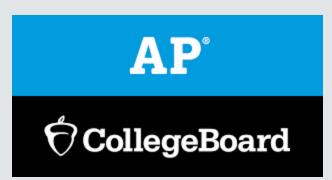


3. Encourage your student to seek help as needed or you can reach out to their teacher if they are struggling

Enrichment Opportunities: AP Courses in DCPS

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

- Offered at all DCPS comprehensive and application high schools.
- Expose students to college-level coursework.
- Students complete exams and/or submit projects to demonstrate mastery of the course content. Based on their performance, students are eligible to receive college credit
- AP courses are offered across all subject areas, and some can be taken to satisfy DC graduation requirements.
- Four courses have recently been designated as "AP Access Courses." These are good options for first-time AP students:
 - AP African American Studies (offered at 11 DCPS high schools)
 - AP Precalculus (offered at 14 DCPS high schools)
 - AP Seminar (offered at 6 DCPS high schools)
 - AP Computer Science Principles (offered at 7 DCPS high schools)



Enrichment Opportunities Highlight: DCPS Goes Global

- **DCPS Study Abroad**: Fully-funded global travel experiences for 8th and 11th grade, Certificate 3, and Opportunity Academy students
- **Embassy Adoption Program**: Year-long partnership between embassies and 5th and 6th grade classrooms, culminating in a Mini United Nations simulation
- **Virtual Exchange:** opportunities for students in all grade levels to connect with peers across the globe
- Global Scholar Certificate: Diploma and transcript recognition for students who have dedicated significant time developing their global

competence







Learn more: dcpsglobaled.org

Technology @ DCPS

DCPS continues the Empowered Learners Initiative (ELI) in SY24-25

- 1:1 student-to-device ratio in grades 3 through 12
- 3:1 student-to-device ratio in grades PK through 2
- SMART interactive boards in every classrooms
- Ubiquitous high-speed internet at every school









75" SMART Board 6000 series



Education Technology: Digital Citizenship



DCPS uses Common Sense Education's K–12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum to teach students to be safe, responsible, ethical, and respectful digital citizens.



DCPS Digital Literacy & Citizenship Family Portal

- Grade-level specific family resources for each digital citizen lesson taught in class!
- Artificial Intelligence Policy
- DCPS EdTech Tool Dashboard
- And More!

bit.ly/dcpsedtechdigcit.



Supporting Homework Assistance and Reading

DCPS Provides Essential Online Support:

- **Reading Programs**
- BrainFuse Homework and Tutoring **Assistance**
- Language Access to Digital Resources
- And More!

Learn more:

bit.ly/DcpsLibrary

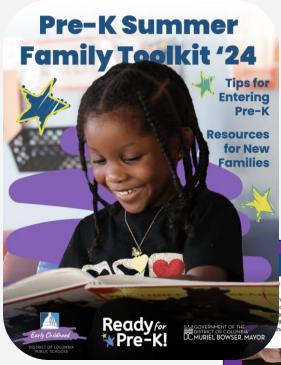


Brainfuse HelpNow Online Tutoring



DCPS LANGUAGE **ACCESS AND** SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Early Childhood Education Preparing Our Little Ones for Day One



Getting Ready for Pre-K

Check out our new resources!



Read "going to school" books. Talk about the experience.

Getting Ready for Pre-K!

pear hug, two butterfly en we'll say goodbye. I'll



Visit your child's school over the summer. Take pictures of the front remind your child what it looks like Contact your school to see if there are Summer Open Houses or Pre-K



cts about your child & family

Find an opportunity to connect wit your child's teacher prior to the firs day of school. This might happen during a playdate, home visit, or video call! Knowing the teacher's name and what they look like may



is a great way to help your child know



Visit the school. Take photos. Revisit the photos.



Discuss the daily routine. Make a "visual schedule."



Create a goodbye ritual.

Getting Ready for Pre-K

Look out for ...





Summer Playdates



X Home Visits



Family Interest Survey



First Day of Pre-K – Aug. 29



Prioritizing the Middle Grades 6th Grade Academies

6th Grade Academy, est. SY 23-24



- 11 DCPS middle schools have a 6th Grade Academy
- 6th Grade Academies have **dedicated staff and resources**:
 - Supporting the critical transition into middle school by customizing attendance, academic, and social-emotional supports for individual students
 - Increasing family communication and engagement
 - Leading quarterly signature experiences, e.g., hiking in Rock Creek Park and completing an outdoor ropes course

6th Grade Academy Schools for SY24-25		
Brookland MS	Eliot-Hine MS	Hart MS
Ida B. Wells MS	Jefferson MS Academy	Johnson MS
Kelly Miller MS	Kramer MS	MacFarland MS
Sousa MS	Stuart-Hobson MS	

6th Grade Academy – Year 1 Results

1. Students are in school more

 10% decrease in students who are <u>chronically</u> <u>absent</u>, defined as missing more than 10% of school days

2. Students are learning and achieving more

- 7% increase in students passing their core classes (Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science)
- 6% increase in students meeting their individual Math growth goals

3. Students feel more connected to school

 14% increase in students feeling a "sense of belonging" at their school



Playing Sports in DCPS We Have Something for Everyone!

District of Columbia Public Schools

Elementary School Sports Offerings

#	Season	Full Sport Name
1	Fall	ES Boys Varsity Cross Country
2	Fall	ES Girls Varsity Cross Country
3	Winter	ES Boys Varsity Basketball
4	Winter	ES Girls Varsity Basketball
5	Winter	ES Co-Ed Varsity Cheer
6	Winter	ES Boys Varsity Indoor Track
7	Winter	ES Girls Varsity Indoor Track
8	Spring	ES Co-Ed Varsity Flag Football
9	Spring	ES Boys Varsity Outdoor Track
10	Spring	ES Girls Varsity Outdoor Track
11	Spring	ES Co-Ed Varsity Soccer



Middle School Sports Offerings



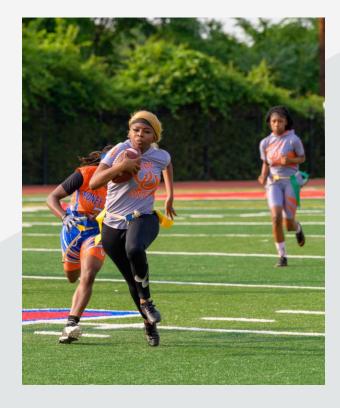
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1	Fall	MS Co-Ed Varsity Adaptive Bowling
2	Fall	MS Co-Ed Varsity Archery
3	Fall	MS Girls Varsity Bowling
4	Fall	MS Co-Ed Varsity Cheer
5	Fall	MS Boys Varsity Cross Country
6	Fall	MS Girls Varsity Cross Country
7	Fall	MS Boys Varsity Football
8	Fall	MS Boys Varsity Soccer
9	Fall	MS Girls Varsity Soccer
10	Fall	MS Girls Varsity Volleyball
11	Winter	MS Boys Varsity Basketball
12	Winter	MS Girls Varsity Basketball
13	Winter	MS Co-Ed Varsity Cheer

#	Season	Full Sport Name
14	Winter	MS Boys Varsity Indoor Track
15	Winter	MS Girls Varsity Indoor Track
16	Winter	MS Boys Varsity Swimming
17	Winter	MS Girls Varsity Swimming
18	Winter	MS Co-Ed Varsity Wrestling
19	Spring	MS Boys Varsity Baseball
20	Spring	MS Co-Ed Varsity Golf
21	Spring	MS Boys Varsity Lacrosse
22	Spring	MS Girls Varsity Lacrosse
23	Spring	MS Boys Varsity Outdoor Track
24	Spring	MS Girls Varsity Outdoor Track
25	Spring	MS Girls Varsity Softball
26	Spring	MS Co-Ed Varsity Unified Basketball

High School Sports Offerings

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#	Season	Full Sport Name	
1	Fall	HS Co-Ed Varsity Cheer	
2	Fall	HS Boys Varsity Cross Country	
3	Fall	HS Girls Varsity Cross Country	
4	Fall	HS Boys Varsity Football	
5	Fall	HS Boys JV Football	
6	Fall	HS Boys Varsity Soccer	
7	Fall	HS Girls Varsity Soccer	
8	Fall	HS Girls Varsity Volleyball	
9	Winter	HS Boys Varsity Basketball	
10	Winter	HS Boys JV Basketball	
11	Winter	HS Girls Varsity Basketball	
12	Winter	HS Girls Varsity Bowling	
13	Winter	HS Co-Ed Varsity Cheer	

#	Season	Full Sport Name
14	Winter	HS Boys Varsity Indoor Track
15	Winter	HS Girls Varsity Indoor Track
16	Winter	HS Boys Varsity Swimming
17	Winter	HS Girls Varsity Swimming
18	Winter	HS Co-Ed Varsity Wrestling
19	Spring	HS Boys Varsity Baseball
20	Spring	HS Girls Varsity Flag Football
21	Spring	HS Co-Ed Varsity Golf
22	Spring	HS Boys Varsity Outdoor Track
23	Spring	HS Girls Varsity Outdoor Track
24	Spring	HS Girls Varsity Softball
25	Spring	HS Co-Ed Varsity Tennis



Immunizations and Mental Health Healthy Students and Healthy Schools!

Immunizations

- All students are expected to be up to date on their required childhood immunization at the start of the school year.
- Students in pre-K 3, Kindergarten, 7th, and 11th grades will be temporarily excluded from school beginning December
 9th if they are not compliant with required childhood immunizations.
- Reminders will be sent to families in October and November.
- <u>Pediatric Immunization Community Facilities</u> across the city have appointments available to get caught up.



Where to Get Immunizations



The Department of Health has an immunization site with more information about other clinic locations around the city. https://dchealth.dc.gov/immunization



If you have questions about your student's immunization status or want to discuss their required immunizations, please contact the health suite at your child's school.

Important School Health Updates

We encourage families to submit all updated health documentation to schools at the start of the school year!

This updated information will support schools in providing the best care to each student in our schools.

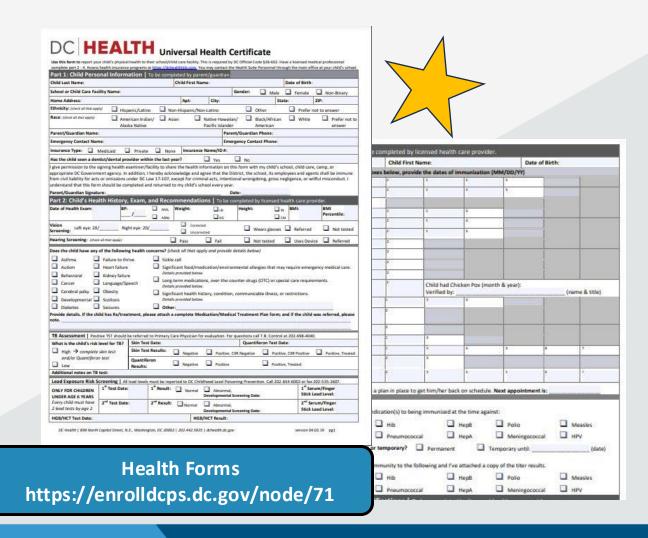
Universal Health Certificate

Allergy Action Plan

Dietary Accommodations V

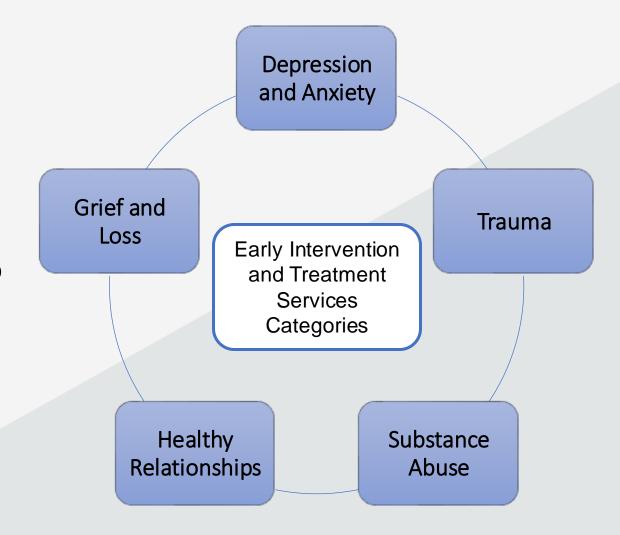
New or ongoing medical needs \vee





School Mental Health

- At every DC Public School (DCPS), there is a School Behavioral Health Coordinator who is a liaison for the School Mental Health team.
- The DCPS School Mental Health (SMH) Team comprises licensed social workers, school psychologists, school counselors, and community-based mental health partners who offer comprehensive prevention, early intervention, and treatment services during the school day.
- If you have any questions, please ask your school to connect you to the School Behavioral Health Coordinator.



School Mental Health: Mental Health Referrals

If you as a parent or caregiver wish to make a mental health referral for your student, please use the QR code here.

You can select your preferred language on the referral form, or you can access forms in multiple languages directly on our website.

dcpsmentalhealth.org

Find referral forms and QR code posters:

- In every DCPS school
- Within the DCPS enrollment package





Operations and Safety

Keeping Our Schools Safe and Running Smoothly!

Safe Passage, Safe Blocks Program

The Safe Passage, Safe Blocks (SPSB)

In SY24-25, 12 priority areas will be covered by the Safe Passage Program

- Anacostia, Brookland, Columbia Heights,
 Congress Heights, Eastern, Fort Totten,
 L'Enfant, NOMA, Petworth, Potomac Ave,
 and Tenley town
- Approximately 215 Safe Passage Ambassadors will be assigned to staff routes along these areas.
- Ambassadors serve as an additional set of "eyes and ears" on students' commutes and are trained to build positive, trusting relationships with students.
- Year-Round Coverage (e.g., summer school, SYEP).

The Role of Safety Ambassadors:

- 1. Canvassing and Monitoring
- 2. Redirecting and clearing students
- 3. Sharing information
- 4. Alerting Supervisors





Emergency Safety Drills for SY24-25

Emergency drills allow schools to practice and prepare to ensure systems are in place in the event of a real emergency.

All drills must be completed by the 15th of each month.

Drill Type	Frequency
Fire Drill	A minimum of one fire drill each month of the school year
Lockdown Drills	Twice per school year
Alert Drill	Once per school year
Earthquake Drill	Once per school year
500 ft. Evacuation	Once per school year
Reverse Evacuation Drill	Once per school year
Shelter-in-Place Drill	Once per school year
Severe Weather	Once per school year

Emergency Statuses





- No one may enter or exit the building
- If students and staff are outside, reverse evacuate and then transition to Alert status.
- Instruction and programming can continue as planned inside the building.



Reverse Evacuation

 Students and staff return to the building before transitioning to either Alert, Shelter-In-Place, or Lockdown statuses.



Shelter-In-Place

 Indoor protection from severe weather or environmental hazards outside of the building.



Lockdown

- Status used to protect people inside of a facility from an internal or external threat.
- Students and staff must remain where they are, instruction and programming pauses, all doors are locked and there is no movement around the building.

Get Ready for the First Day of School Meal Service!

SY 24-25 Fast Facts

- Breakfast is <u>free</u> for all DCPS students!
- 96 DCPS school communities serve free meals under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- For students not eligible for free or reducedpriced lunch, the cost is \$3.00.



Food Service Providers

- Aramark (37)
- DC Central Kitchen (24)
- DC Public Schools (8)
- Sodexo Magic (49)





- Go to dcps.dc.gov/FARM to get started!
- Universal Breakfast for all DCPS students!





Share link to the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application.



Alert families to submit Dietary Accommodation Form for NEW Students.



Learn more about the DC Local Wellness Policy: dcps.dc.gov/page/local-wellness-policy



Visit <u>dcps.dc.gov/food</u> for menus, payment information, and more resources.

Food and Nutrition Services
202-299-2159 | food.dcps@kl2.dc.gov | dcps.dc.gov/food



Expectations for School Visitors

- Expectations for School Visitors establishes expectations for all parents, guardians, volunteers, and other visitors to DCPS schools.
- These expectations apply to all individuals while on school property and attending DCPS events.



- Outlines goals around our collective goal of supporting teaching and learning and student and community safety.
- ☐ Creates shared norms related to problem-solving.
- Lists prohibited behaviors and consequences, and steps school leaders may take after a serious incident that compromises the safety and security of students and staff or disrupts school instruction, operation, or activities.
- □ Expectations for School Visitors | dcps

Transportation

Kids Ride Free (KRF)

- KRF remains in place for SY24-25; schools will notify families when the cards become available
- To learn more visit https://ddot.dc.gov/page/kids-ride-free-program
- Students 13 and older with iPhones or Apple Watch may use a virtual card to utilize the KRF program

Office of the State
Superintendent of Education
(OSSE) Transportation

- DCPS continues to partner with OSSE to provide transportation to eligible students
- For questions, please contact your school Special Education Point of Contact or the OSSE Parent Resource Center (202.576.5000)

Parent Stipend Program

- The Office of the Superintendent of Education is pleased to offer the Parent Stipend Program for School year '24-25.
- OSSE will provide a monthly payment to eligible parents or guardians who opt out of OSSE-DOT provided vehicle or bus and self-transport their student to and from school.
- Eligible families who are approved to participate in the program will receive \$400 per month to support self-transportation of students.

The Goal: To ensure all students have safe and secure transportation to and from school each day!!

Our Buildings are Beautiful

Showcasing Newly Modernized Spaces

What We Are Delivering in August 2024

New Building Modernizations Opening in August 2024

- John Francis Education Campus (Formerly School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens EC)
- Garfield Elementary School
- Whitlock Elementary School (Formerly Aiton)
- Dorothy Height Elementary School

Major Renovations

MacArthur High School

Additions and Annexes Opening in August 2024

- Deal Middle School
- Miner Early Childhood Education Center

Schools Moving into Swing Space

- Malcolm X at Green ES moving to Davis
- Tubman ES moving to Old Banneker
- Thomas ES moving to Kenilworth
- Truesdell ES moving to Sharpe Health



John Francis Education Campus







Project Location: 2425 N Street NW

Ward: 2

Start Date: Fall 2021

Completion Date: August 2024

Garfield Elementary School





Project Location: 2435 Alabama Avenue SE

Ward: 8

Start Date: Fall 2021

Completion Date: August 2024

Whitlock Elementary School



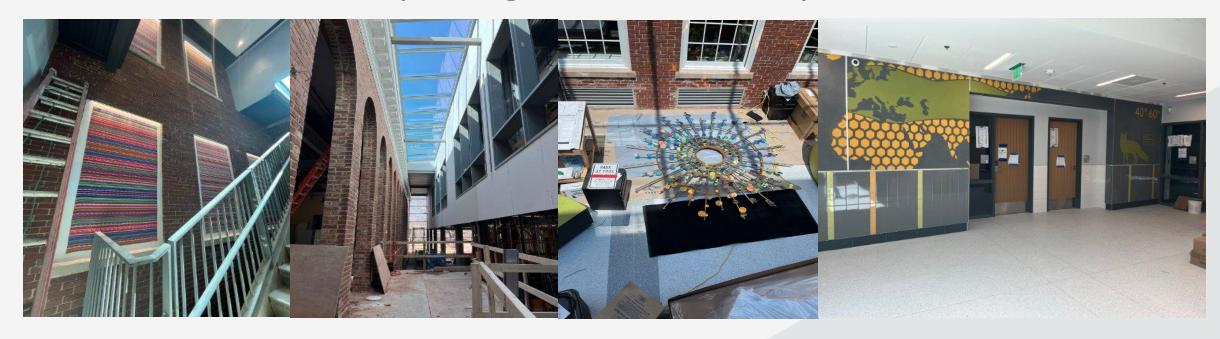
Project Location: 533 48th Place NE

Ward: 7

Start Date: Fall 2022

Completion Date: August 2024

Dorothy Height Elementary School



Project Location: 1300 Allison Street NW

Ward: 4

Start Date: Fall 2022

Full Completion Date: August 2024

Deal Middle School Addition

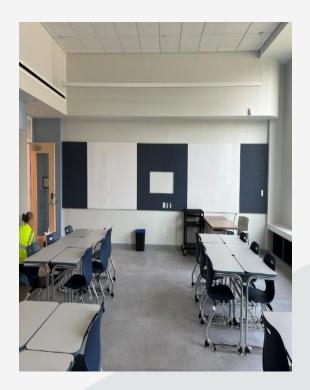


Project Location: 3815 Fort Drive NW

Ward: 3

Start Date: Fall 2022

Full Completion Date: August 2024





Old Miner Annex



Project Location: 601 15th Street NE

Ward: 7

Start Date: Fall 2022

Completion Date: August 2024 (Early Childhood Education Center)

Partnering with our Community

Community Action Team Members

Community Engagement: Community Action Team (CAT)

Works to build and sustain strategic relationships with key stakeholders, including those who have been historically underrepresented in our decision-making processes. The CAT also directly support schools in their community engagement efforts, including with LSAT and parent organizations.



Sharona Robinson

Manager,

Community Affairs

& Engagement

bit.ly/dcpscommunity-action-team



Damián Popkin Wards 1 & 4



Quintin Floyd Wards 2 & 3



Ja-Naia Adams Wards 5 & 6



Dwaine Carr Wards 7 & 8

Questions & Answers



Announcements

Enrollment Reminders









- Get required immunizations before school starts! Book your child's annual wellness appointment and ensure your child has all of their required childhood immunizations. Go to enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/71 to get started.
- Every Day Counts! All students are expected to attend school every day, starting with the first day of school. School keeps students safe, educated, and prepared for a bright future. Don't miss out! Reach out to your school's attendance counselor if you need support.

Students must be fully enrolled **before** participating in athletics!

Academic Resources for DCPS Families

K-8 Parent Curriculum Guides: Get a copy at your child's school or on the DCPS website!



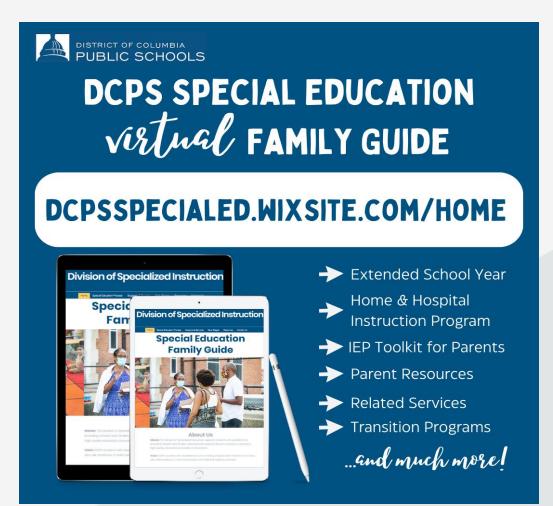


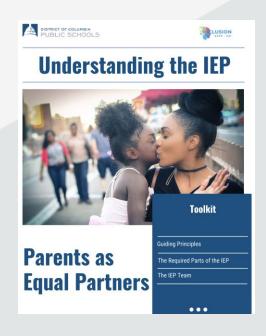
PK-12 Parent Portal: Go to ParentPortal.dcps.gov and contact your school for help logging in!

Special Education Parent Resources & Information

If you have questions, email dcps.spedconcerns@k12.dc.gov.

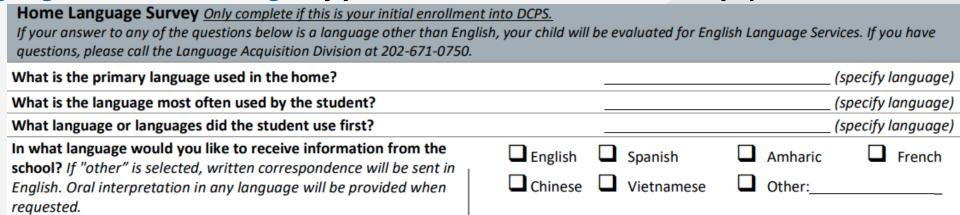






Language Access Services for DCPS Students and Families

- DCPS offers translations and interpretation services for Multilingual Learners and their families.
 - Translation of vital documents include enrollment forms, health and safety notices, policy updates and more.
- Complete the *Home Language Survey* on the DCPS enrollment form to select your preferred language of correspondence or contact your school registrar to update it.
- Contact DCPS Language Access Unit at 202-868-6508 or language.access@k12.dc.gov if you need assistance or have any questions!



DCPS Back to School Block Party



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