



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

DCPS CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Yearbook





August 2025

Dear DC Public Schools (DCPS) Community,

Unveiling the official calendar to our students, staff, and families is something I look forward to every year. This School Year 2025-2026 calendar is a resource for you and your family to plan a successful and joyful academic year.

“DCPS Yearbook” is a calendar theme that highlights a fun and thoughtful superlative each month, allowing us to give accolades for the incredible work happening across the district every day. And just like a traditional yearbook, it celebrates the best of DCPS and what makes us so special—our people.

When our Communications Team shared this theme for my input, I knew I had to choose a superlative that is especially meaningful to me. While I may be the Chancellor, I did not select **“Most Likely to Inspire Future Leaders”** to nominate myself, but to spotlight four of our longest-serving principals, who together have dedicated more than 90 years of service to our district:

- **Principal Holly Searl** has led **Ross Elementary School** where she has developed positive learning conditions and fostered a sense of belonging within the close-knit school community for over 15 years.

- **Principal Maria Tukeva** is the founding school leader of **Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC)**, where she has educated generations over the last four decades, building a legacy of excellence.
- Since 2005, **Principal Anita Berger** has shaped the bright minds of emerging global leaders at **Benjamin Banneker Academic High School**—the first public high school in the District to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.
- For more than 15 years as principal, **Dr. Grace Reid** has encouraged the young Bears of **Barnard Elementary School** to pursue acts of service under the school’s motto “Only the Best Is Good Enough.”

Mayor Bowser, another HER-story-maker who also inspires future leaders across our city, once said, **“a new school year is a new opportunity to open doors for young people.”** It is my hope that the superlative to describe School Year 2025-2026 will be “Most Empowering”—a year in which every student is capable and ready. Thank you for supporting DCPS in opening doors and empowering students to thrive.

In partnership,
Lewis D. Ferebee, Ed.D.
Chancellor, DC Public Schools

KEY DATES

Labor Day
 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
 Professional Development Day for Staff
 Indigenous Peoples' Day
 Records/Wellness Day
 Veterans Day
 Thanksgiving Break
 Thanksgiving
 Winter Break
 Christmas Day
 New Year's Day
 Professional Development Day for Staff
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 PD/Records Day for Staff
 Professional Development Day for Staff
 Presidents' Day
 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
 Wellness Day
 Records/Wellness Day
 Spring Break
 DC Emancipation Day
 Memorial Day
 Primary Election Day
 Juneteenth
 Independence Day (Observed)

September 1, 2025
 October 9, 2025
 October 10, 2025
 October 13, 2025
 November 3, 2025
 November 11, 2025
 November 26-28, 2025
 November 27, 2025
 December 22-31, 2025
 December 25, 2025
 January 1, 2026
 January 2, 2026
 January 19, 2026
 January 26, 2026
 February 13, 2026
 February 16, 2026
 March 12, 2026
 March 13, 2026
 April 6, 2026
 April 13-17, 2026
 April 16, 2026
 May 25, 2026
 June 16, 2026
 June 19, 2026
 July 3, 2026



RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

FULL DAY

Whenever possible, schools should refrain from scheduling special events (homecoming, field trips, family events), important meetings, or DCPS scheduled athletic events on these days to avoid excluding staff, families, and students. This includes observances that occur on the weekend.

Rosh Hashanah	September 23, 2025	Eid al-Fitr	March 20, 2026
Yom Kippur	October 2, 2025	1st Day of Passover	April 1, 2026
Last Day of Sukkot	October 13, 2025	2nd Day of Passover	April 2, 2026
Diwali	October 21, 2025	Good Friday	April 3, 2026
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2025	Easter	April 5, 2026
Christmas	December 25, 2025	Eid al-Adha	May 27, 2026
First Day of Ramadan	February 18, 2026	First Day of Muharram	June 17, 2026
Ash Wednesday	February 18, 2026	Ashura	June 26, 2026

EVENING ONLY

Religious holidays and observances begin after sunset on these days. Schools may schedule daytime activities as usual, but whenever possible, schools should refrain from special evening events (homecoming, Back to School Night) and important meetings after school on these days. This includes observances that occur on the weekend.

Rosh Hashanah Begins	September 22, 2025
Yom Kippur Begins	October 1, 2025
Ramadan Begins	February 17, 2026
Eid al-Fitr Begins	March 19, 2026
Eid al-Adha Begins	May 26, 2026

AUGUST

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 01** Summer School Ends
- 08** Rainbow Graduation
- 25** First Day of School for K-12 Students
- 28** First Day of School for Pre-K Students

TEACHERS

- 13-15** New Educator Orientation
- 18-22** Preservice Week

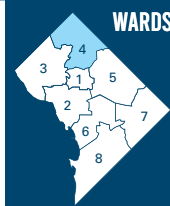
SPECIAL DATES

OBSERVANCES

Roosevelt High School
**MOST LIKELY TO EARN
 A MICHELIN STAR** ★



In Roosevelt High School's Culinary Arts Academy, teacher and Chef James Wiggins guides students through the fundamentals of cooking and exploration of the exciting world of restaurant and hospitality careers.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 ◆ Summer School Ends	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 ◆ Rainbow Graduation	9
10	11	12	13 ✱ New Educator Orientation	14 ✱ New Educator Orientation	15 ✱ New Educator Orientation	16
17	18 ✱ Preservice Week	19 ✱ Preservice Week	20 ✱ Preservice Week	21 ✱ Preservice Week	22 ✱ Preservice Week	23
24	25 ◆ First Day of School for K-12 Students	26	27	28 ◆ First Day of School for Pre-K Students	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



SEPTEMBER

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

01 Labor Day

TEACHERS

01 Labor Day

SPECIAL DATES

01 Labor Day
07 Grandparents Day
15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

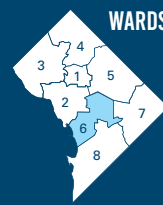
OBSERVANCES

22 Rosh Hashanah Begins (Evening)
23 Rosh Hashanah (Day)



The Drama Players of Stuart-Hobson Middle School perform Matilda the Musical in front of a packed house of classmates, families, and community members.

Stuart-Hobson Middle School MOST LIKELY TO WIN A TONY AWARD



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 ◆ 🌻 🌟 Labor Day: DCPS Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 🌟 Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 🌟 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 ✕ Rosh Hashanah Begins	23 ✕ Rosh Hashanah	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



OCTOBER

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 09 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 10 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day

TEACHERS

- 09 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 10 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 31 Term 1 Ends

SPECIAL DATES

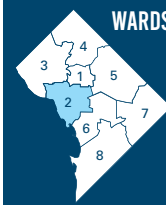
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends
- 31 Halloween

OBSERVANCES

- 01 Yom Kippur Begins (Evening)
- 02 Yom Kippur (Day)
- 13 Last Day of Sukkot (Day)
- 21 Diwali (Day)



Throughout its history, Benjamin Banneker Academic High School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School four times. In the Legacy Room, students flip through old yearbooks and reflect on their school's rich heritage.



Banneker High School
MOST BLUE RIBBONS 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 ✕ Yom Kippur Begins	2 ✕ Yom Kippur	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 ◆☀ Parent-Teacher Conference Day: No school for students	10 ◆☀ Professional Development Day for Staff: No school for students	11
12	13 ◆☀🌿 Indigenous Peoples' Day: DCPS Closed ✕ Last Day of Sukkot	14	15 🌿 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16	17	18
19	20	21 ✕ Diwali	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 ☀ Term 1 Ends 🌿 Halloween	1



NOVEMBER

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 03 Records/Wellness Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

TEACHERS

- 03 Records/Wellness Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

SPECIAL DATES

- 11 Veterans Day
- 27 Thanksgiving

OBSERVANCES

POWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOST LIKELY TO BE ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE



*Escuela Primaria
Bilingue Powell*

Civic-minded student advocates from Powell Elementary School lobbied city leadership to designate the Eastern red-backed salamander as DC's official amphibian. Their bill was unanimously passed by the DC Council and enthusiastically signed into law by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 ◆ 🌟 Records/Wellness Day: No school for students	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 ◆ 🌟 🌿 Veterans Day: DCPS Closed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ◆ 🌟 Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	27 ◆ 🌟 Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers 🌿 Thanksgiving: DCPS Closed	28 ◆ 🌟 Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



DECEMBER

KEY DATES

◆ **STUDENTS**
22-31 Winter Break

☀ **TEACHERS**
22-31 Winter Break

✿ **SPECIAL DATES**
14 Hanukkah Begins (Evening)
26 Kwanzaa Begins (Day)

✕ **OBSERVANCES**
24 Christmas Eve (Day)
25 Christmas (Day)



Long-time school program provider DC SCORES hosts its annual poetry slam, bringing together poet-athletes from across the city to inspire crowds through spoken word. Middle school poet-athletes from Leckie Education Campus claimed the top prize with their performance at last year's East Side Slam.



Leckie Education Campus
★ **MOST LIKELY TO PRODUCE**
✍ **A POET LAUREATE** ★



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 ✳ Hanukkah Begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	23 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	24 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers ✖ Christmas Eve	25 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers ✖ Christmas: DCPS Closed	26 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers ✳ Kwanzaa Begins	27
28	29 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	30 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	31 ◆ ✨ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	1	2	3



JANUARY

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 01 New Year's Day
- 02 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 26 PD/Records Day for Staff

TEACHERS

- 01 New Year's Day
- 02 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23 Term 2 Ends
- 26 PD/Records Day for Staff

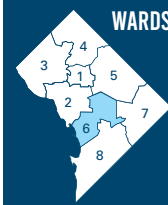
SPECIAL DATES

- 01 New Year's Day
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

OBSERVANCES



Spacewomen and men from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) touch down at Watkins Elementary School to engage students and staff in fun STEM experiences including rocket launches, dry ice volcanoes, and a lot of future astronaut energy.



Watkins Elementary School MOST LIKELY TO PUT A PERSON ON THE MOON



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 ◆ ✨ 🌿 New Year's Day: DCPS Closed	2 ◆ ✨ Professional Development Day for Staff: No school for students	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 ◆ ✨ 🌿 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: DCPS Closed	20	21	22	23 🌟 Term 2 Ends	24
25	26 ◆ ✨ PD/Records Day for Staff: No school for students	27	28	29	30	31



FEBRUARY

Johnson Middle School ★ MOST LIKELY TO WIN A SUPER BOWL★

➤ KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

- 13 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 16 Presidents Day

☀ TEACHERS

- 13 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 16 Presidents Day

✿ SPECIAL DATES

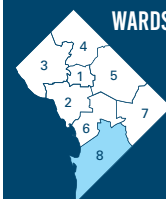
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Presidents Day

✕ OBSERVANCES

- 17 Ramadan Begins (Evening)
- 18 Ash Wednesday (Day)
- 18 First Day of Ramadan (Day)



For nearly 30 years, Coach Mike Sharrieff has shaped young athletes at Johnson Middle School—instilling teamwork and discipline and leading the Panthers to victory in last year's DC Interscholastic Sports Association (DCIAA) middle school football championship.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 ◆ Professional Development Day for Staff: No school for students	14 ✱ Valentine's Day
15	16 ◆ ✱ ✱ Presidents Day: DCPS Closed	17 ✕ Ramadan Begins	18 ✕ Ash Wednesday First Day of Ramadan	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



MARCH

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 12 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 13 Wellness Day

TEACHERS

- 12 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 13 Wellness Day

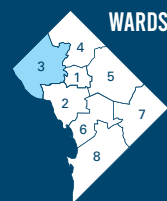
SPECIAL DATES

OBSERVANCES

- 19 Eid al-Fitr Begins (Evening)
- 20 Eid al-Fitr (Day)



What began as a gossip column in 1935 is now an award-winning student newspaper. The Beacon boasts alumni such as The New York Times theatre critic, Frank Rich, and former CBS Evening News anchor, Roger Mudd.



Jackson-Reed High School
**MOST LIKELY
 TO WIN A
 PULITZER PRIZE**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 ◆☀ Parent-Teacher Conference Day: No school for students	13 ◆☀ Wellness Day: No school for students and teachers	14
15	16	17	18	19 ✕ Eid al-Fitr Begins	20 ✕ Eid al-Fitr	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



APRIL

Chisholm Elementary School ♥ MOST COMPASSIONATE

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

06 Records/Wellness Day
13-17 Spring Break
16 DC Emancipation Day

TEACHERS

03 Term 3 Ends
06 Records/Wellness Day
13-17 Spring Break
16 DC Emancipation Day

SPECIAL DATES

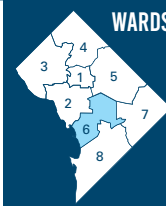
16 DC Emancipation Day

OBSERVANCES

01 First Day of Passover (Day)
02 Second Day of Passover (Day)
03 Good Friday (Day)
05 Easter (Day)



Shirley Chisholm Elementary School teams up with "DC's Finest" to support young people across the District. Students donated their stuffed animals to DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) for pediatric patients who are transported.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 ✕ First Day of Passover	2 ✕ Second Day of Passover	3 ☀ Term 3 Ends ✕ Good Friday	4
5 ✕ Easter	6 ◆☀ Records /Wellness Day: No school for students	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers	14 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers	15 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers	16 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers ◆☀🌿 DC Emancipation Day: DCPS Closed	17 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



MAY

Excel Academy BEST DRUMLINE

KEY DATES

◆ **STUDENTS**
25 Memorial Day

☀ **TEACHERS**
25 Memorial Day

✿ **SPECIAL DATES**
10 Mother's Day
25 Memorial Day

✕ **OBSERVANCES**
26 Eid al-Adha Begins (Evening)
27 Eid al-Adha (Day)



Excel Academy's all-girls drumline captivates the audience at DCPS' 15th Annual Standing Ovation, an awards ceremony where district and city leadership honor the achievements of outstanding educators and schools.

WARDS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 * Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 ◆ * Memorial Day: DCPS Closed	26 ✕ Eid al-Adha Begins	27 ✕ Eid al-Adha	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



JUNE

Deal Middle School TRAVELED FARTHEST

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 05 Last Day of School for Seniors
- 16 Primary Election Day
- 17 Last Day of School

TEACHERS

- 16 Primary Election Day
- 17 Term 4 Ends
- 18 PD/Records Day for Staff

SPECIAL DATES

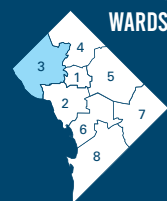
- 19 Juneteenth
- 21 Father's Day

OBSERVANCES

- 17 First Day of Muharram (Day)
- 26 Ashura (Day)



Deal Middle School is well on its way to filling a passport with stamps from around the world! These well-traveled students have been from France to Costa Rica, with stops in Taiwan and Thailand along the way.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5 ◆ Last Day of School for Seniors	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 ◆ ✨ Primary Election Day: No school for students and teachers	17 ◆ Last Day of School ✨ Term 4 Ends ✕ First Day of Muharram	18 ✨ PD/Records Day for Staff	19 ✨ Juneteenth: DCPS Closed	20
21 ✨ Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 ✕ Ashura	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



JULY

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

TEACHERS

SPECIAL DATES

- 03 Independence Day (Observed)
- 04 Independence Day

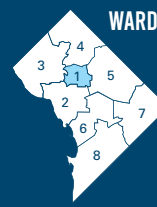
OBSERVANCES

Columbia Heights Education Campus MOST LANGUAGES SPOKEN



At Columbia Heights Education Campus' Scholarship and Awards Gala, students wear traditional clothing from just a few of the many countries represented at the school, including China, Bangladesh, and the Philippines.

WARDS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3 * Independence Day (Observed): DCPS Closed	4 * Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



AUGUST

➤ KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

- 07 Rainbow Graduation
- 24 First Day of School for K-12 Students
- 27 First Day of School for Pre-K Students

☀ TEACHERS

- 12-14 New Educator Orientation
- 17-21 Preservice Week

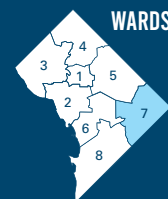
✿ SPECIAL DATES

✕ OBSERVANCES



RIVER TERRACE
EDUCATION CAMPUS

Special Olympic gold medalist and RiverTerrace Education Campus alumnus Jojo Woodland competed in Special Olympics sports for over 10 years through DCPS programs before bringing home the gold at the World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany. The entire school community cheered him on as he competed in multiple track & field events.



*River Terrace
Education Campus*
★ MOST LIKELY TO
WIN AN OLYMPIC
🏃 GOLD MEDAL ★

Photo credit: P. Harvey
for Special Olympics USA

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 ♦ Rainbow Graduation	8
9	10	11	12 ✱ New Educator Orientation	13 ✱ New Educator Orientation	14 ✱ New Educator Orientation	15
16	17 ✱ Preservice Week	18 ✱ Preservice Week	19 ✱ Preservice Week	20 ✱ Preservice Week	21 ✱ Preservice Week	22
23	24 ♦ First Day of School for K-12 Students	25	26	27 ♦ First Day of School for Pre-K Students	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

• Afterschool Programs	202.442.5002
• Assessments	dcps.testing@k12.dc.gov
• Athletics	202.729.3288
• Attendance	202.727.0488
• Chancellor's Office	202.442.5885
• College and Career Readiness	dcpscollegeandcareer.org
• Central Services	202.442.5885
• Office of Integrity	202.939.4913
• DC One Card	202.727.6030
• Early Childhood Education	dcps.earlychildhood@k12.dc.gov
• Early Stages	202.698.8037
• Enrollment	202.478.5738
• Engagement	202.719.6613
• Food Services	202.299.2159
• Graduation Requirements	202.442.5047
• Homeless Youth	202.576.9502
• Home/Hospital Instruction Program	202.939.3506
• International Baccalaureate	202.673.4488
• Language Acquisition Division	202.671.0750
• Language Testing	202.671.0750
• LGBTQ Student Support	202.442.5103
• Local School Advisory Team	202.719.6613
• My School DC Lottery	202.888.6336
• Residency Verification	202.478.5738
• School Mental Health	dcpsmentalhealth.org
• Schools	profiles.dcps.dc.gov
• School Partnerships	dcps.partnerships@k12.dc.gov
• Special Education	202.673.4488
• Student Placement	202.939.2004
• Summer School (K-8)	202.442.5002
• Summer School (9-12)	202.299.2115
• Title I	202.442.5149
• Transportation [Parent Call Center, OSSE Special Education, Division of Transportation (DOT)]	202.724.8600
• Volunteers	202.442.4090

★ MOST MILESTONE YEARS SERVED ★



ADDITIONAL SERVICES: DC GOVERNMENT

• Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	202.727.6436
• DC State Board of Education	202.741.0888
• Mayor's Call Center	311
• City Council	202.724.8000
• Emergency Response	911
• DC Healthy Families (Free Health Insurance)	202.639.4030
• Department of Health	202.442.5955
• Department of Behavioral Health	1.888.793.4357
• Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)	202.442.6100
• Report Abuse	202.671.SAFE

YOUNGEST LEARNERS SERVED



FIND US HERE:

AT SCHOOL

Schools are always ready and available to provide information, answer questions, and address concerns.

ONLINE

- Visit dcps.dc.gov for important information and updates.
- Follow student stories on X and Instagram: [@dcpublicschools](https://www.instagram.com/dcpublicschools).
- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/dcpublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/dcpublicschools).

ON THE PHONE

Reach DCPS Central Services at 202.442.5885.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Keep an eye out for community meetings and events throughout the year to provide input on DCPS programs and initiatives.

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