



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

**VIA EMAIL**

May 18, 2020

[REDACTED]

RE: Letter of Response for Grievance #3338 filed on September 4, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

In accordance with Chapter 24 Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, DC Public Schools (DCPS) Comprehensive Alternative Resolution and Equity (CARE) team has completed its investigation of the above referenced grievance.

**Grievance Issues**

Based on a review of the information provided, the written grievance raised the following issues under the jurisdiction of this office:

1. **5-B DCMR 2405.2 (a):** Where it is alleged that any student or group of students is being denied access to an adequate educational opportunity.
  - a. You reported that you requested that Student [REDACTED]. repeat [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] denied your request.

**Review Procedure**

The review included interviews with the following individuals:

1. Parent of Student [REDACTED]
2. DCPS [REDACTED]

The review also included a review of the following which were either submitted by the complainant, submitted by the school, or accessible via DCPS data systems:

1. Aspen—DCPS data maintenance system for attendance and grades
2. DCPS Graduation Requirements

**General Findings of Fact**

The following findings of fact resulted from the review:

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1. According to Aspen, Student [REDACTED] received a “D+” and earned a 1.0 credit in [REDACTED] while attending [REDACTED] for SY 18-19.
  2. On September 4, 2019 you reported to DCPS CARE that you believed Student [REDACTED] did not actually learn the material in the [REDACTED] course.
  3. According to Aspen, Student [REDACTED] currently attends [REDACTED] and is enrolled in [REDACTED].
  4. On September 4, 2019 you reported to DCPS CARE that upon entering [REDACTED] [REDACTED], you requested for Student [REDACTED] to retake [REDACTED] but was informed by the school that Central Office would not allow the student to retake the course.
  5. On April 14, 2020 DCPS [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that it is customary in DCPS that [REDACTED] are not rescheduled in courses which they have completed with a passing mark and earned a credit value.
  6. DCPS [REDACTED] reported to DCPS CARE that if a family perceives that a student is demonstrating deficiencies in a subject area, then it is recommended that the student work with the academic team at his/her school of enrollment to coordinate intervention/enrichment activities.

### Discussion/Conclusion

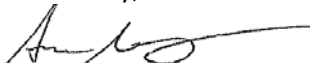
As a result of this review, we have determined the following:

- a. As it relates to your concerns regarding your request being denied for Student [REDACTED] to retake [REDACTED] DCPS CARE finds that **5-B DCMR 2405.2 (a)** is not substantiated. Student [REDACTED] earned a credit in [REDACTED] while in middle school. DCPS CARE found that [REDACTED] placed Student [REDACTED], which is the natural sequence of math courses in alignment with DCPS Graduation Requirements.

If you believe your student is still in need of support in mathematics, scheduling one-on-one virtual sessions with your student’s math teacher is an available option. Please contact your math instructor for additional information. Additionally, [REDACTED] encourages students to utilize video lessons, such as those that can be found on Khan Academy, [REDACTED].

As the complainant, if you are not satisfied with the outcome, you have the right to file an appeal. Appeals must be submitted in writing and received within 10 calendar days of receipt of this notice. Please submit appeal requests to the Office of Integrity via U.S. Postal Mail to 1200 First St., NE, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor; Attn: CIO or via email at [dcps.cio@k12.dc.gov](mailto:dcps.cio@k12.dc.gov). You may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (1-800-421-3481) to report any educational discrimination.

Sincerely,



Anitra Allen, Director CARE

Cc: Principal  
Instructional Superintendent