

## District of Columbia Public Schools

### Community Service Opportunities

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#### Earn Community Service Hours While Making an Impact

DC Public Schools is committed to preparing students to succeed academically, feel connected to their communities, and be ready for what's next. Explore our approved community service opportunities below, please reach out to your school counselor about virtual opportunities. All activities must be verified through the Community Service Verification Form. Students should consult with their counselor for approval before beginning any opportunity. All students graduating in the class of 2026 and after must earn 100 community service hours prior to graduation.

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#### Important Reminders

- Submit completed Community Service Verification Forms to your counselor.
  - You may not use your parent as the supervisor for your hours.
  - Pre-approval from counselors is highly recommended.
  - For virtual opportunities, submit evidence such as photos, letters, or screenshots.
  - Students may only earn community service hours at 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, or government agencies as long as it is a non-paying voluntary service for the benefit of the community. An example of a non-approved organization would be a childcare center that receives payment.
  - Students may only use community service hours they have earned after 8<sup>th</sup> grade has ended. This means your student is allowed to use hours they have earned in the summer leading into 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
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#### Educational & Tutoring Opportunities

- **Bancroft Elementary School:** Tutor students during the school day and after school clubs.
  - More Info: [Bancroft Elementary Info](#)
  - Contact: Ms. Ortiz-Arias (dafne.ortiz@k12.dc.gov) or Yasmin Escobar Reyes (yasmin.escobar@k12.dc.gov)
- **Latino Student Fund – Listo Program:** After-school college prep for 11th–12th graders.

- More Info: [Latino Student Fund Info](#)
  - Contact: Sabrina Rodriguez (listo@latinostudentfund.org)
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### Environmental and Conservation Opportunities

- **Anacostia Riverkeeper:** River trash cleanups and nonprofit event support.
    - More Info: [Anacostia Riverkeeper Info](#)
    - Contact: Trey (tre@anacostiariverkeeper.org) | 202-863-0158
  - **Chesapeake Climate Action Network:** Remove invasive vines from native trees.
    - More Info: [Chesapeake Climate Action Info](#)
    - Contact: Meredith Prescott (meredith@chesapeakeclimate.org) | 202-770-1516
  - **Sierra Club DC Youth Chapter:** Lead student environmental justice projects.
    - More Info: [Sierra Club DC Youth Info](#)
    - Contact: Peter Quinn-Jacobs (peterqj@quinn-jacobs.org)
  - **Student Conservation Association:** Join conservation projects nationwide.
    - More Info: [Student Conservation Info](#)
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### Health and Human Services Opportunities

- **Allie's Kidney Bean Foundation:** Join Healthy Kidney Project (earn 10 hours).
    - More Info: [Allie's Kidney Beans Info](#)
    - Contact: allieskidneybeans@gmail.com
  - **American Red Cross:** Volunteer in youth leadership and disaster services.
    - More Info: [Red Cross Youth Info](#)
    - Contact: YouthInvolvement@redcross.org
  - **Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine:** Assemble health kits and support operations.
    - More Info: [Physicians Committee Info](#)
    - Contact: volunteer@pcrm.org | 202-686-2210
  - **Hillcrest Children & Family Center:** Mentoring, community outreach, and event assistance.
    - More Info: [Hillcrest Info](#)
    - Contact: info@hillcrest-dc.org
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## Food Security, Housing, and Community Development

- **Capital Area Food Bank:** Distribute meals and groceries at community sites.  
→ More Info: [Capital Area Food Bank Info](#)  
→ Contact: Maureen Doyle (mdoyle@capitalareafoodbank.org) | 202-644-9822
  - **Martha's Table:** Package food, distribute meals, assist at community markets.  
→ More Info: [Martha's Table Volunteer Info](#)
  - **Habitat for Humanity:** Build homes and assist construction crews.  
→ More Info: [Habitat DC Info](#)
  - **International Rescue Committee:** Support Afghan refugee resettlement as a mentor or volunteer.  
→ More Info: [IRC Volunteer Info](#)
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## Community Engagement and Advocacy

- **Anti-Racism Coalition of DC:** Lead anti-racist storytelling school projects.  
→ More Info: [Bridge Builders Youth Coalition Info](#)  
→ Contact: antiraciststandingtogether@gmail.com
  - **Heavenly Urban Nature Garden:** Engage in food security and racial equity advocacy.  
→ More Info: [Heavenly Urban Nature Gardens Info](#)  
→ Contact: heavenlyurbanaturegardens@gmail.com
  - **Communities Together:** Lead creative arts programs for elementary students at Mills Place.  
→ More Info: [Communities Together Info](#)  
→ Contact: Isabella Abraham (isabella@commtogether.org) | 301-793-3901
  - **Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission:** Volunteer for social media and website updates.  
→ More Info: [Chevy Chase ANC Info](#)  
→ Contact: Jeralynn Graham (chevychaseanc3@verizon.net) | 202-363-5803
  - **Shoes for the Homeless Youth Ambassador Program:** Build leadership skills by supporting homeless initiatives.  
→ More Info: [Shoes for the Homeless Info](#)  
→ Contact: info@shoesforthehomeless.net
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## Special Events and Short-Term Opportunities

- **DC Jazz Festival:** Assist with marketing, event staffing, and community outreach.  
→ More Info: [DC Jazz Festival Info](#)  
→ Contact: Preethi Babu (preethi@dcjazzfest.org)
  - **Georgetown Library Friends:** Support book sales and donation sorting.  
→ More Info: [Georgetown Library Friends Info](#)  
→ Contact: gzverhoff@gmail.com
  - **My Sister's Place:** Virtual service: create cards, letters, or fundraisers for domestic violence survivors.  
→ More Info: [My Sister's Place Virtual Volunteering Info](#)  
→ Contact: volunteer@mspny.org
  - **Wreaths Across America:** Lay wreaths at veterans' graves.  
→ More Info: [Wreaths Across America Info](#)
  - **The Mel Johnson International, Inc.:** Support community wellness events.  
→ More Info: [Mel Johnson International Volunteers Needed](#)  
→ Contact: 301-841-6533
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## Sports and Youth Recreation

- **Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy:** Volunteer with youth baseball and softball programs.  
→ More Info: [Nationals Youth Baseball Academy Info](#)  
→ Contact: Janay Morant (Janay.morant@nationals.com) | 202-640-7456
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**Thank You for Your Commitment to Serving Our Local Community!**