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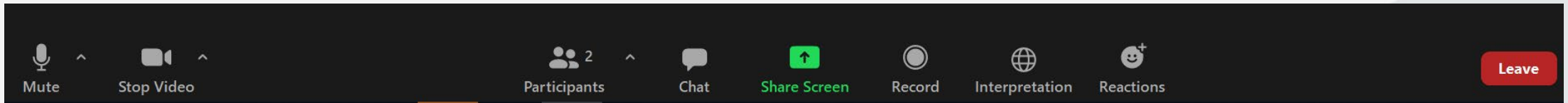
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Back to School Info Session
August 16, 2023

Instructions on Selecting Language for the Meeting



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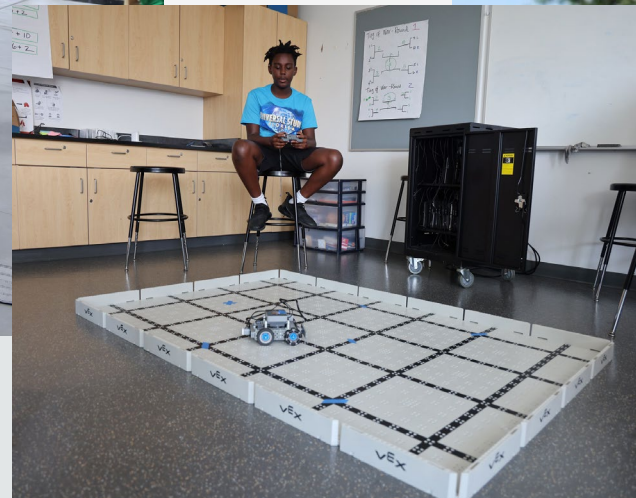


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DCPS Had a Great Summer!



We Missed You This Summer! Thank You for Joining Us



- Welcome
- Attendance and Enrollment
- Teaching and Learning
- Health
- Operations and Safety
- Q&A
- Announcements

Attendance and Enrollment

Every Day Counts!

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 District-planning

Review the [DCPS Attendance Policy](#) and call your School Attendance POC if you have questions or need assistance with attendance

EVERY

DAY

COUNTS

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



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Attendance

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

Before School

- 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.

The Night Before

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

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.

Enrollment Reminders

ARE YOU READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?




School starts on
August 28
for grades K - Adult and
August 31
for PK3 and PK4!

 enrolldcps.dc.gov

 (202)478-5738

 enroll@k12.dc.gov

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CHECKLIST

-  **Enroll!** Complete your child's enrollment paperwork at enrolldcps.dc.gov or by stopping by your school.
-  **Get your 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! Please reach out to your school's attendance counselor if you need support.



Medicaid Beneficiaries- Remember to Renew!

Medicaid beneficiaries are being asked to renew their coverage. There was no need to renew coverage during the public health emergency -but that has changed!

- The District restarted Medicaid eligibility renewals on a monthly basis beginning **April 1, 2023**
- Beneficiaries have 2 or 3 months to renew once contacted, then a 3 month grace period after it expires
- Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is required to contact Medicaid beneficiaries via mail to renew their coverage.

To check your coverage, update your address, or renew your coverage, you may:

- ✓ Go online to **districtdirect.dc.gov** or download the **District Direct app**
- ✓ Visit a **DHS Service Center** or call **202-727-5355** for assistance
- ✓ Mail a completed renewal in, fax your renewal in, or drop your application off at a DHS Service Center

For more information, please visit <https://dhcf.dc.gov/medicaid-renewal> or email medicaid.renewal@dc.gov!

Teaching and Learning:

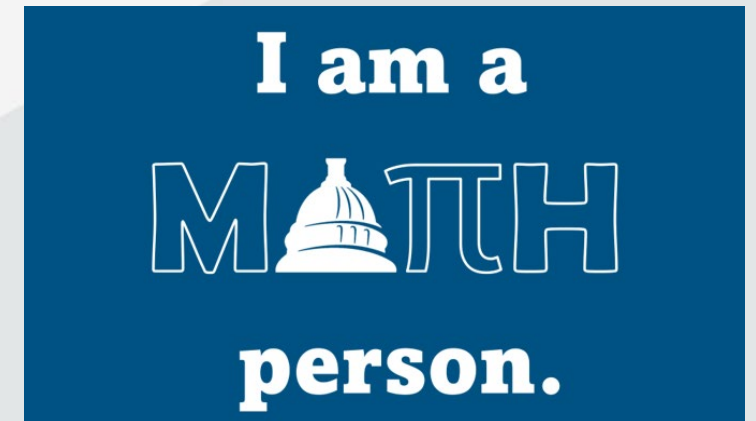
An exciting year in your DCPS Classroom!

Teaching and Learning: DREAM Summer 2023

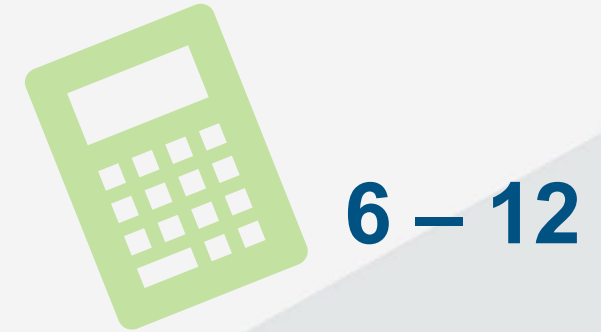
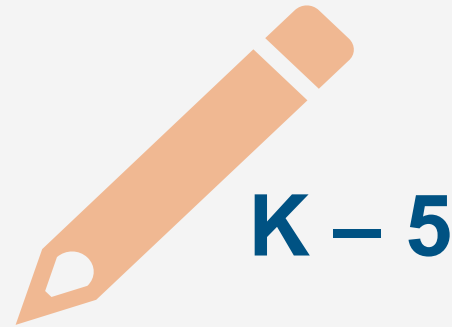


Launching DCPS' Math Strategic Plan for Leaders

- Exploring ***culturally responsive math instruction***
- Deepening knowledge of **math education research**
- Preparing to ***bring research based best practices to life in math classrooms in SY23-24 and beyond***
- ***Embracing the reality that we are all math people.***



Teaching and Learning: DREAM SY23-24



New Hands-On Manipulatives in Every Math Classroom

Financial Literacy Learning Experiences in all Classrooms

Adding Math Content for Pre-K

“Building Fact Fluency” Mini-Lessons make learning facts fun!

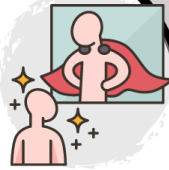
Additional supports for students succeed with Illustrative Math

Education Technology: Digital Citizenship

PARENT TIPS

1

Demonstrate respectful behavior in digital spaces to set a positive example for your child.



2

Guide your child to value and protect personal information while respecting others' privacy online



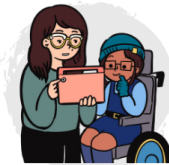
3

Help your child evaluate online content, distinguishing between reliable sources and misinformation



4

Initiate discussions about positive online behavior and values, fostering a culture of responsible digital citizenship



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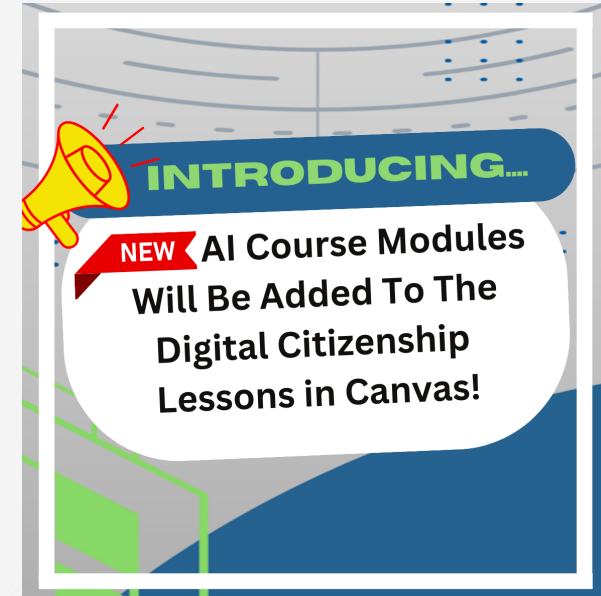
Implement designated screen-free times for quality time together



DCPS utilizes Common Sense Education's award-winning K–12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum designed to educate and guide young people to harness the power of the Internet and digital tools so they can become safe, responsible, ethical, and respectful digital citizens.

Grade-level specific family resources for each digital citizen lesson taught in class!

dcps.tech/digitalcitizenship



Technology @ DCPS

- DCPS continues the Empowered Learners Initiative (ELI) in SY23-24
- 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 classrooms



**Lenovo 13W
(Grades 1-12)**



**Apple iPad
(Grades PK-K)**



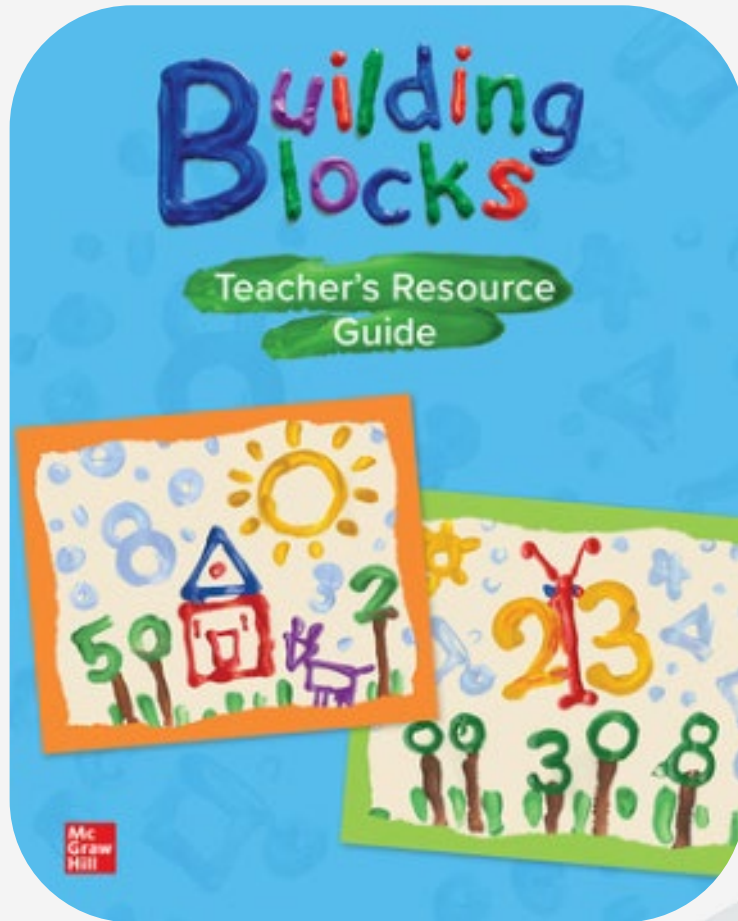
**Microsoft Surface Go
(Grades 1-12)**



SMART Board 7075



Building Blocks: The New DCPS Early Childhood Education (ECE) Math Curriculum



Why Building Blocks?

- ★ Building Blocks prepares children for kindergarten.
- ★ Building Blocks is aligned with the science of early learning.
- ★ Building Blocks is individualized.
- ★ Building Blocks works!

Building Blocks: The New DCPS ECE Math Curriculum

What Does Learning Look Like in a Building Blocks Classroom?

Play



Teacher-Led Instruction



“Mathematizing” the Day



Getting Ready for Pre-K

Check out our new resources!



★ Read “going to school” books. Talk about the experience.

★ 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

★ Home Visits

★ First Day of Pre-K – Aug. 31st



Health

Healthy students and healthy schools!

Universal Health Certificate

DC HEALTH Universal Health Certificate

Use this form to report your child's physical health to their school/child care facility. This is required by DC Official Code §38-602. Have a licensed medical professional complete part 2-4. Access health insurance programs at www.dchealth.gov. You may contact the Health State Personnel through the main office at your child's school.

Part 1: Child Personal Information | To be completed by parent/guardian.

Child First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Gender: Male Female Non-binary
 State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Prefer not to answer Prefer not to

Child Last Name: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____
 School or Child Care Facility Name: _____
 Home Address: _____
 Ethnicity: (check all that apply) Hispanic/Latino Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
 American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 Race: (check all that apply) Parent/Guardian Emergent

Part 3: Immunization Information | To be completed by licensed health care provider.

Child Last Name: _____ Child First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

| Immunizations | In the boxes below, provide the dates of immunization (MM/DD/YY) | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTap) | | | | | | | |
| DT (<7 yrs.)/Td (>7 yrs.) | | | | | | | |
| Tdap Booster | | | | | | | |
| Haemophilus influenzae Type b (Hib) | | | | | | | |
| Hepatitis B (HepB) | | | | | | | |
| Polio (IPV, OPV) | | | | | | | |
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) | | | | | | | |
| Measles | | | | | | | |
| Mumps | | | | | | | |
| Rubella | | | | | | | |
| Varicella | | | | | | | |
| Pneumococcal Conjugate | | | | | | | |
| Hepatitis A (HepA) (Born on or after 01/01/2005) | | | | | | | |
| Meningococcal Vaccine | | | | | | | |
| Human Papillomavirus (HPV) | | | | | | | |
| Influenza (Recommended) | | | | | | | |
| Rotavirus (Recommended) | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |

Child had Chicken Pox (month & year): _____
 Verified by: _____ (name & title)

The child is behind on immunizations and there is a plan in place to get him/her back on schedule. Next appointment is: _____

Medical Exemption (if applicable)
 I certify that the above child has a valid medical contraindication(s) to being immunized at the time against:

Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib HepB Polio Measles
 Mumps Rubella Varicella Pneumococcal HepA Meningococcal HPV

Is this medical contraindication permanent or temporary? Permanent Temporary until: _____ (date)

Alternative Proof of Immunity (if applicable)
 I certify that the above child has laboratory evidence of immunity to the following and I've attached a copy of the titer results.

Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib HepB Polio Measles
 Mumps Rubella Varicella Pneumococcal HepA Meningococcal HPV

STAY ON TRACK!

Now more than ever, it's important that your child receives their immunizations on time.



Immunization Requirements

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 face temporary school exclusion **beginning Dec 4**, if not compliant for required childhood immunization.

COVID Vaccine is not required

2-3 years old

The following vaccines are typically received before the age of 2:

- 4 doses of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- 3 doses of Polio
- 1 dose Varicella if no history of chickenpox
- 1 dose of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A
- 3 or 4 doses* of Hib (Haemophilus Influenza Type B)
- 4 doses of PCV (Pneumococcal)

*See

11-12 years old

Additional Required Vaccines AFTER receiving all vaccines under 2-3 years and 4-6 years.

- 1 dose of Tdap
- 1 dose of Meningococcal (Men ACWY)
- 2 doses of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)*

*3 doses of HPV vaccine required if series initiated after 15th birthday

Your child should receive these vaccine doses upon school enrollment*

4-6 years old

Additional doses needed after receiving the vaccines listed under 2-3 years of age:

- 1 dose of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- 1 dose of Polio
- 1 dose of Varicella if no history of chickenpox
- 1 dose of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)

13-15 years

Additional Required Vaccines AFTER receiving all vaccines under 2-3 years, 4-6 years, and 11-12 years.

7-10 years old

Consult your PROVIDER to be certain your student has received all vaccinations listed under 2-3 and 4-6 years of age.

16+ years old

Additional Required Vaccines AFTER receiving all vaccines under 2-3 years, 4-6 years, and 11-12 years.

- 1 dose of Meningococcal (Men ACWY)

Consult your PROVIDER to be certain your student has received all vaccinations listed under 2-3 years, 4-6 years, and 11-12 years.

Where students can go to get their immunizations

School-Based Health Centers

Anacostia High School

1601 16th St., SE
Washington, DC 20020
P: 202.724.5529
Tue.
9am – 12pm
July 3 – August 25

Cardozo Education Campus

1200 Clifton St., NW
Washington, DC 20009
P: 202.727.5148
Mon., Wed., Fri.
8am – 12pm
July 3 – August 25

Roosevelt High School

4301 13th St., NW
Washington, DC 20011
P: 202.727.6333
Wed.
12:30pm - 3:30pm
July 3 – August 25

Ballou High School

3401 4th St., SE
Washington, DC 20032
P: 202.645.3843
Tue., Thu.
8am – 12pm
July 3 – August 4

Coolidge High School

6315 5th St., NW
Washington, DC 20011
P: 202.847.4077
Wed., Fri.
8am - 4:30pm
July 3 – August 25

H.D. Woodson High School

540 55th St., NE
Washington, DC 20019
P: 202.724.2287
Tue., Wed., Fri.
8am - 12pm
July 3 – August 25

Tue., Thu.
8am – 4:30pm
August 5 - August 25

Dunbar High School

101 N St., NW
Washington, DC 20002
P: 202.724.4086
Tues., Fri. | 8am - 4:30pm
July 3 – August 25

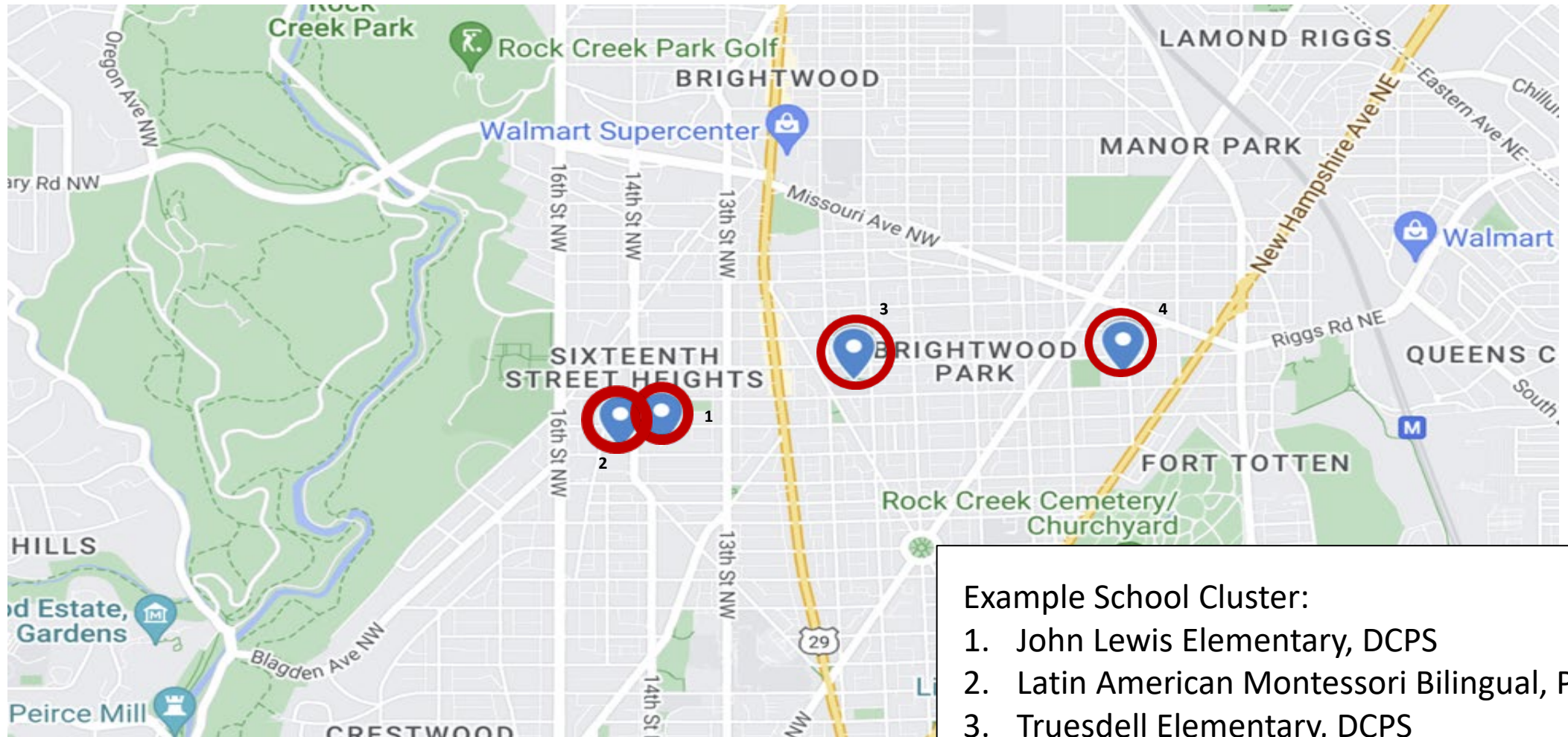
- Any student 3 and older can receive school-required vaccinations, regardless of where they are enrolled
- Also open to adults to receive COVID-19 vaccinations!
- List of Schools:
 - Anacostia High School
 - Ballou High School
 - Cardozo Education Campus
 - Coolidge High School
 - Dunbar High School
 - H.D. Woodson High School
 - Roosevelt High School

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/immunization>

Updated School Health Services Program (SHSP) Staffing Model

- DC Health is making changes to the health suite staffing model, shifting to team-based care
- Schools will be grouped into clusters of four
- Each cluster will include four schools, both DC Public Schools and Public Charter Schools, that are close to one another
- Each cluster will have two nurses (a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse) and at least two student health technicians
- Nurse Managers will supervise staff in each cluster
- Every school will be assigned one consistent, full-time health suite staff person with the goal of 40 hours per week

Example School Cluster



Example School Cluster:

1. John Lewis Elementary, DCPS
2. Latin American Montessori Bilingual, PCS
3. Truesdell Elementary, DCPS
4. Washington Latin, PCS

Responsibilities of Student Health Technicians

- First Aid
 - Access to telehealth consultation with RN on the team at any time
 - Asthma Care Management
 - Mental Health Screenings
 - Administration of medication according to student medication forms and emergency medication
- Care Coordination
 - Referrals to medical and behavioral health specialists
 - Review of immunization records
 - Vision and Hearing Screenings
 - Collection, review and entry of school health forms
 - Communication with parents (letters, phone calls)
 - Diabetes care under supervision of cluster RN

Responsibilities of School Nurses

- Administration of injectable medicines other than insulin
 - Assessment of children with acute illnesses
 - Medical procedures
 - Health and nutrition education
 - Communicable and infectious disease reporting and tracking
- Health suite oversight
 - Individualized Health Plan (IHP) participation
 - Primary point of contact for school health teams
 - Telehealth consultation with medical specialists regarding children's illnesses
 - Immunization Compliance

Protecting Students: Narcan in DCPS

- Naloxone or Narcan is an opioid reversal agent that can save the life of an individual experiencing an opioid overdose by restoring normal breathing
- Several students experienced opioid overdoses on school campuses in school years 21-22 and 22-23
- To protect students from the potentially lethal effects of an opioid overdose, The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), The Department of Health (DC Health) and District of Columbia Public Schools collaborated to make Naloxone or Narcan available in all DCPS schools
- School health suite staff, administration of medication (AOM) staff and some school staff complete training approved by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and be trained to respond to student opioid overdose emergencies

Operations and Safety

Keeping our schools safe and running smoothly!

DCPS Food Services

Get Ready for the First Day of School Meal Service!

SY 23-24 Fast Facts

- Breakfast is free for all DCPS students!
- 96 of 115 DCPS school communities serve free meals under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- 7 new CEP schools added in SY 23-24!
 - Banneker
 - Capital Hill Montessori
 - Duke Ellington
 - Ludlow Taylor
 - Stevens Early Learning Center
 - School Without Walls at Francis Stevens
 - Watkins Elementary
- For students who do not qualify for free and reduced-priced lunch meals, lunch will remain \$3.00.



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



- ✓ **Complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application.**
- ✓ **Complete a Dietary Accommodation Form for New Students.**
- ✓ **Visit the dcps.dc.gov/food webpage for more information and resources.**

Have Questions? Contact Food and Nutrition Services at 202-299-2159 or food.dcps@k12.dc.gov or visit our website at dcps.dc.gov/food



DCPS Emergency Planning & Guidance

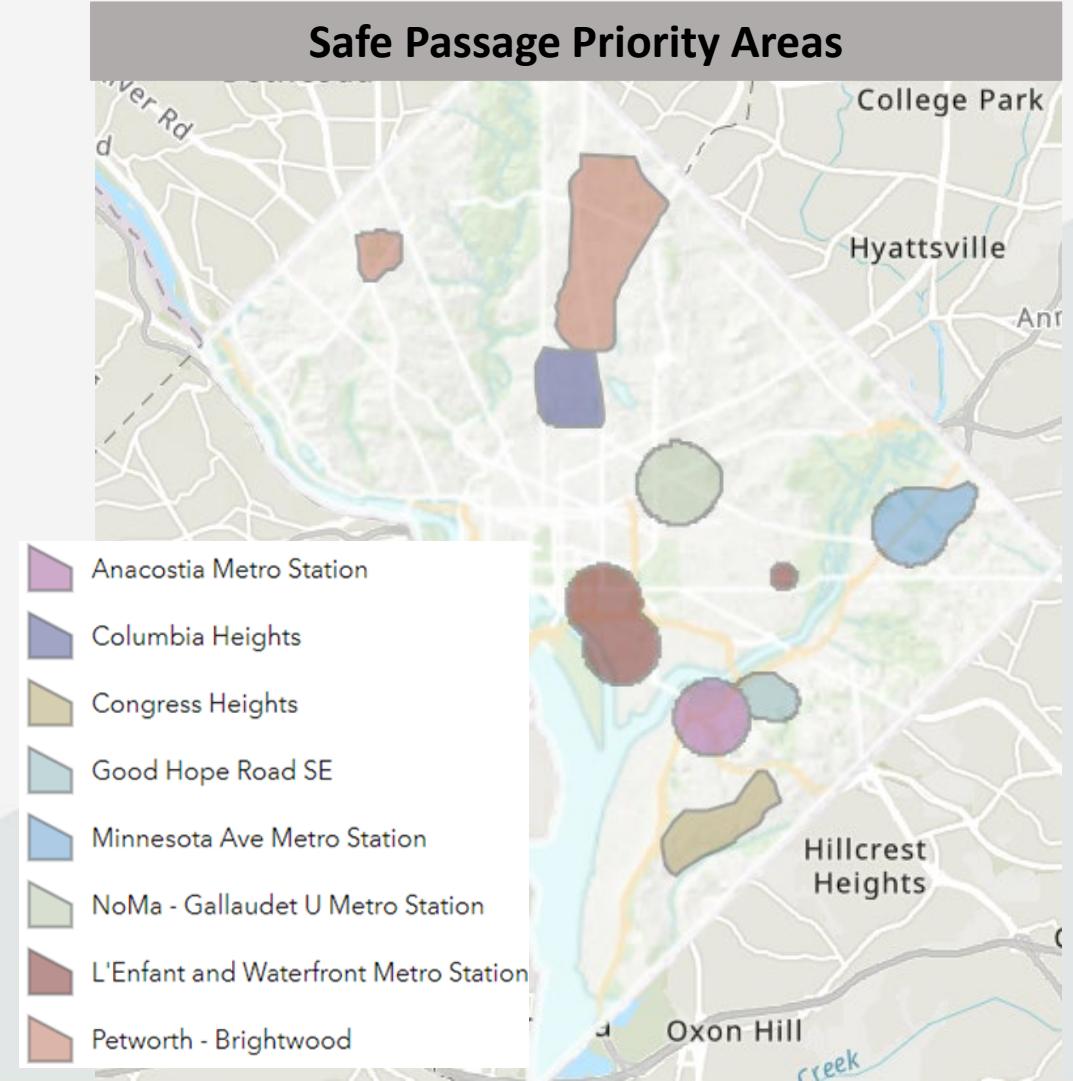
Keeping students and staff safe at school every day is a top priority.

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

| Drill Type | Frequency |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Fire Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One fire drill each month of the school year.• A total of 12 drills per school year |
| Lockdown Drills | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twice per school year |
| Alert Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once per school year |
| Earthquake Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once per school year |
| 500 ft. Evacuation/Relocation Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once per school year |
| Reverse Evacuation Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once per school year |
| Shelter-in-Place Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once per school year |
| Severe Weather Safe Area Drill | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once per school year |

Safe Passage and School Safety

- **The Safe Passage Safe Blocks (SPSB)** program will maintain coverage in the existing 8 priority areas, supporting 35 schools.
- **Safe Spots** will expand to all 8 priority areas giving students a safe space to be if they feel threatened as they travel to and from school.
- The **DC SchoolConnect Micro transit Shuttles** for Wards 7 & 8 will continue to serve a total of 32 schools.



Transportation

Kids Ride Free (KRF)

- KRF remains in place for SY23-24; schools will share with families when students can receive their cards
- To learn more visit <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/kids-ride-free-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)

Ensure all students have transportation for August 28 and every day after!

Expectations for School Visitors

- New 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 at 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



Announcements

2023 Boundary and Student Assignment Study

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is leading a comprehensive review of boundaries and student assignment policies. Visit dme.dc.gov/boundaries2023 for more information.

1. **Watch the next advisory committee meeting** in person or online on Thursday 9/14, 6-8pm.
2. **Join a public townhall meeting virtually** on Tuesday, 9/26 12pm – 1:30 pm OR Wednesday, 9/27 6pm – 7:30pm. The last round of public townhalls will be in October – *Dates Coming Soon!*

DCPS Back to School Block Party

bit.ly/dcpsblockparty2023

SAVE
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BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY



SEPTEMBER 23
11 AM - 2 PM



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