

About Cornerstones



What are Cornerstones?

Cornerstones are powerful lessons taught as part of the DCPS curriculum -- the lessons students will remember years from now.

Every student in every grade level experiences Cornerstones across each subject (English Language Arts, Math, Science, Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, World Languages and Social Studies).

Cornerstones make meaningful real-world connections through engaging and rigorous content, taught through proven, high-impact instructional models.

How do Cornerstones engage students?

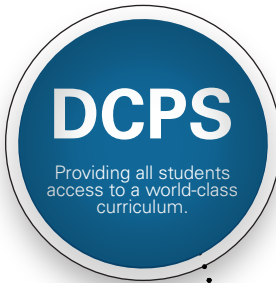
Deep learning happens when a student is able to understand and retain information by participating in interesting and meaningful activities.

Cornerstones are lessons taught to all students in DCPS. Hands-on activities and real-world connections are used to activate learning of core concepts.

Example: Ride On!

Every second grade student in DCPS learns how to ride a bike as part of the PE curriculum. The introduction of bikes as fitness equipment is a way to bring fun and excitement to the physical education experience.

The introduction of bike riding as a life skill isn't just an effort to introduce students to a fitness activity. It ties into classroom skills, such as learning to read maps.



Vision

Every DCPS student benefits from challenging, engaging and memorable educational experiences, supported and encouraged by teachers, parents and the greater community.

Mission

Access for every student to inspiring classroom experiences that connect to the real world and empower every teacher and student to succeed.



Getting there is easy if you know how to read a map and understand directions.



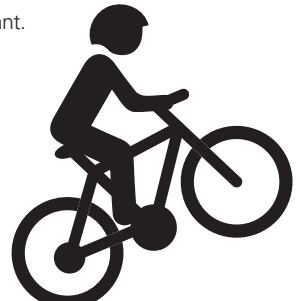
Bike safety is important.



Good balance is key.



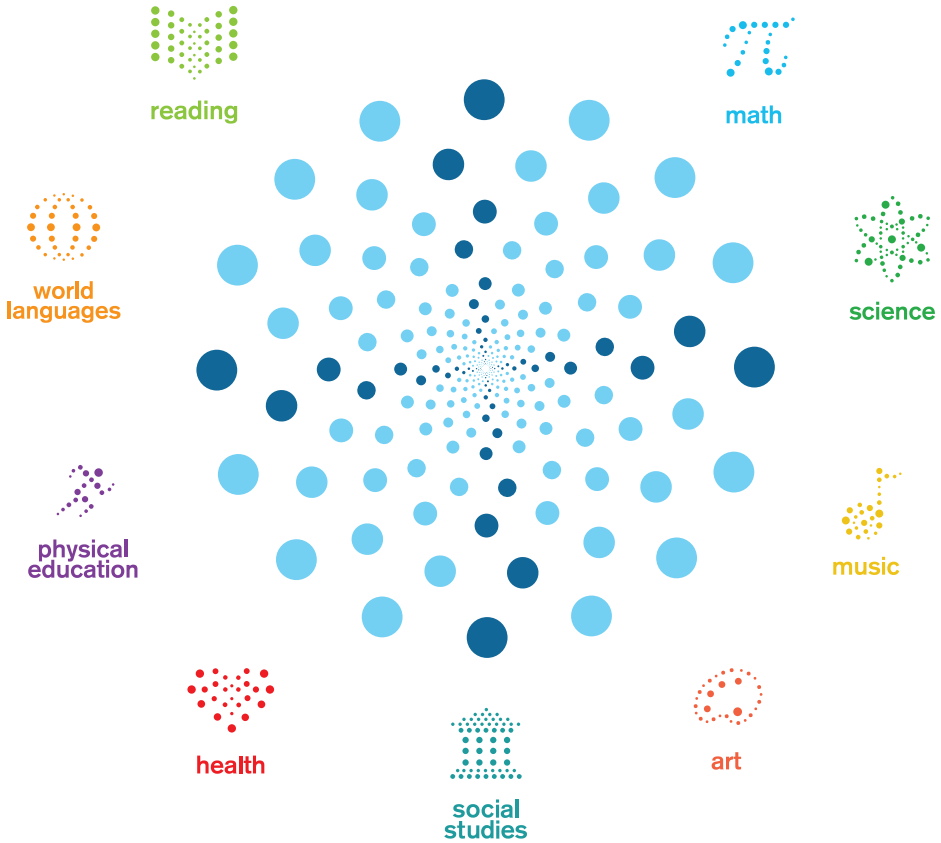
Fitness is fun.



Over 200 Cornerstones



are taught across all grade levels and content areas



Cornerstones Formula

Cornerstones are the sparks that stimulate learning by bringing great energy to great content, empowering teachers and students to excel.



**Captivating
Content**

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**Effective
Teaching**

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**Exceptional
Student Work
Outcomes**

Cornerstones show students how they can actually apply and use the concepts they learn.