

Mayor Muriel Bowser's

# Back To School Guide

2022

Resources for  
Our Comeback

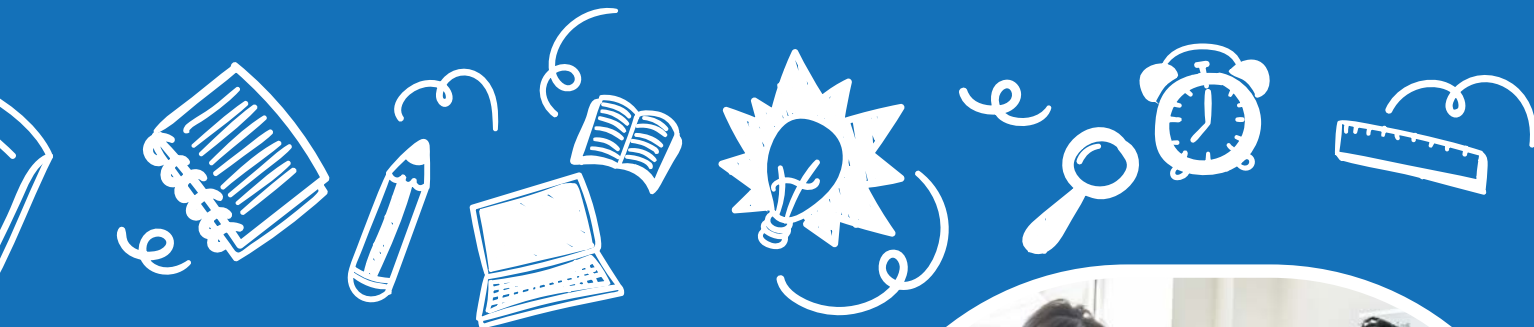


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# Letter from Mayor Muriel Bowser



Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! As we go into this fourth school year since the start of COVID, I am turning our entire community's attention to supporting our students with their comeback. From the third graders who were only in kindergarten when our schools shut down in 2020 to the 12th graders who have spent their entire high school careers adapting to COVID-19 – students across elementary, middle, and high school need this year to be one where they feel the support of our entire city.

I am proud that in Washington, DC we have so many programs to help families and students succeed. We are a national leader in universal Pre-K. We have a \$500,000 scholarship program that families can use to help students attend out-of-school and extracurricular programming. Through our Advanced Internship Program, high school students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs can earn and learn at high quality internships in the community. But for any of these programs to help young people succeed, we need families to know about them.

With this guide, our goal is to make it easier for families to support their children. If you don't find what you're looking for or what your family needs support with, reach out to our teams at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, or DC Public Schools. We are ready to make this school year a success so that all students are on track to succeed in school, at home and in the community, and in life.

Sincerely,

**Muriel Bowser**  
Mayor





# Tips for a Successful School Year

01

Get involved in your child's school! You can join your Local School Advisory Teams or PTO, or volunteer to help in the classroom. It's a great way to get to know your school community.

02

Become familiar with your school's resources and supports for students. Schools across the District offer a range of resources, from college advisors to mental health counselors to out of school learning opportunities.

03

Stay up to date on your child's progress. Report cards and parent-teacher conferences offer opportunities for families to engage in how their child is learning and growing in the classroom.

04

Every day counts! Regular attendance is critical in helping your child be successful in the classroom and beyond.

## The Importance of Routine Immunizations



Immunizations are required for students because they protect our community from vaccine preventable diseases such as measles and polio.

District law requires students in all DC schools including private, parochial, and independent schools, to be fully compliant with required vaccinations to attend school, and that schools verify immunization certification for all students as part of enrollment and attendance.

For more information about how to get your child their required immunizations or to download the

Universal Health Certificate and the DC Oral Health Assessment Form, visit

**[dchealth.dc.gov/immunizations](https://dchealth.dc.gov/immunizations)**.



# Before and After School Resources



Breakfast is free for students at all DCPS, public charter schools and participating private schools. This school year, Mayor Bowser and OSSE are investing \$2 million to improve the quality of school breakfast and increase participation in the School Breakfast Program.

Research shows that participation in extracurricular activities is linked with academic success. Many teachers and staff advise clubs and activities, and it's a great way for students and staff to get to know each other. Afterschool programs allow students to participate in academic and extracurricular enrichment activities and to develop new hobbies and skills. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and after school partner organizations provide a variety of unique programming options to students. Your school can share more information on all the activities available for students.

In **SY22-23**, afterschool programs managed by Out of School Time Programs (OSTP) will be offered in 55 DCPS schools. Schools not participating in OSTP afterschool programs may offer their own programs to students. Please contact your child's school for more information.

DCPS student-athletes in grades 4-12 play within the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association (DCIAA). Sanctioned DCIAA sports offered at schools include adaptive bowling, archery, baseball, basketball, bowling, cheer, cross-country, flag football, football, golf, indoor and outdoor track, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, unified basketball, volleyball, and wrestling. Visit **[thedciaa.com](http://thedciaa.com)** for more information.



Learn24 is a network of afterschool and summer opportunities supported by the Bowser Administration to ensure children and youth in the District have access to quality educational and enrichment activities beyond the school day.

Need support finding out-of-school time programs for your child?  
Contact the OST Office at (202) 727-3636 and [learn24@dc.gov](mailto:learn24@dc.gov)

# Department of Parks and Recreation Out-of-School Time and Social Recreation

DPR's **Enrichment Zone** and **Afternoon Access** programs offer kids ages 6-12 a safe, supportive, and structured afterschool environment Monday through Friday at neighborhood recreation centers. Activities include homework time, arts & crafts, sports & fitness, and more.

**Supreme Teens** brings together teens **ages 13-19** at 23 recreation centers across DC for enriching activities.

**Young Ladies On The Rise and Young Men, Future Leaders** each engage youth in leisure, social, educational, and community service activities to support positive development for **ages 6-12**.

**DPR Programs** -DPR has team and individual sports to keep young people engaged and active. Soccer, cheerleading, swimming, tennis, and more!

Visit [DPRprograms.com](https://dprprograms.com) to view the catalog of programs and activities.



## Child Care and Early Learning Resources

### My Child Care DC

My Child Care DC is the District's consumer website for families seeking child care. It includes information on all licensed child development facilities in the District, including before and after care programs licensed by OSSE. Families can search for care by address, along a commuting route, by age of child, participation in child care subsidies and other program features, or for programs with available vacancies. Starting in 2022, child development facilities are now able to provide information on open spaces on My Child Care DC to assist families seeking care.

[mychildcare.dc.gov](https://mychildcare.dc.gov)



### Child Care Subsidies

Subsidies are available for eligible low-income families to help cover the costs of child care, including out-of-school-time care for children through age 12.

[bit.ly/payforchildcare](https://bit.ly/payforchildcare)

### DC Child Care Connections

DC Child Care Connections is the District's child care resource and referral agency, which provides resources for families to support their children's development, including resources for finding and paying for child care and other financial assistance available to families.

[dcchildcareconnections.org](https://dcchildcareconnections.org)

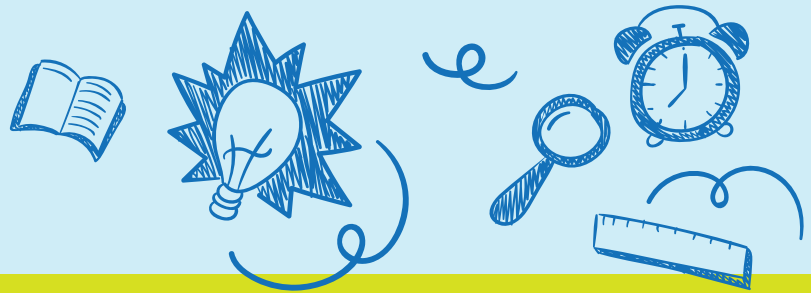
Families can also contact DC CCC at [osse.dccchildcareconnections@dc.gov](mailto:osse.dccchildcareconnections@dc.gov), (202) 829-2500 or in-person to receive customized referrals for care for their child, including before and after school care.

# Ready *for* Pre-K!



**Ready for Pre-K!** is a DC Public Schools (DCPS) initiative designed to support families and caregivers of toddlers and two-year-olds through monthly, virtual learning sessions.

Learn more: [readyforprek.org](https://readyforprek.org)



## A Strong Start with the DC Public Library

**Video Story Books:** Video story books bring picture books to life. They provide enjoyment to beginning readers as well as to pre-schoolers and introduce younger children to early literacy skills even before they start to learn to read.

**Reading Lists by Age and Grade Level:** Once your child starts reading, the best thing they can do to reinforce their skills is to READ, READ and READ some more!

[www.dclibrary.org/kids/booklists](https://www.dclibrary.org/kids/booklists)

**Sing, Talk and Read (STAR):** There are many ways you can reinforce what your child is learning in pre-school at home. By incorporating singing, talking, reading, writing and playing into your daily family routine you will be setting your child up for success as a reader.

[www.dclibrary.org/STAR](https://www.dclibrary.org/STAR)

**Books from Birth:** Sign up to get free books for your home library! Families in DC with children ages birth - 5 can sign up for Books from Birth to get a free book a month in the mail!

[www.dclibrary.org/booksfrombirth](https://www.dclibrary.org/booksfrombirth)






# PRE-K RESOURCES

Washington, DC was one of the first cities in the nation to roll out a universal pre-K program, but our city's history as a leader in pre-school program goes back decades - back to the sixties when Washington, DC was one of the first cities to launch a Head Start program. We know that preschool makes a critical difference in the rest of a child's academic career and access to free pre-school is an important equity issue. We are proud that Washington, DC is one of the only cities to offer not only free Pre-K4, but also free Pre-K3.

In DCPS early childhood classrooms, children learn through a combination of play, teacher-led lessons, and engaging learning experiences. Classrooms are designed to promote children's active engagement with the environment, and teachers design learning experiences to promote children's language development, critical thinking skills, creativity, and early academic skills in order to ensure that children are well prepared for success in kindergarten and beyond.

DCPS families can find the DC Early Learning Standards and a Family Toolkit for incoming and current Pre-K students at [dcps.dc.gov/ece](https://dcps.dc.gov/ece).



In 2020, DCPS opened the District's first Early Learning Center – the Stevens Early Learning Center. In 2021, the District opened Military Road Early Learning Center. This school year, DCPS is opening Randle Highlands Early Learning Center in Ward 7.



## Applying to Pre-K

The District provides free pre-K education services in its public and public charter schools for residents who meet the Pre-K age cut-offs. To be eligible for any school year:

- ▶ Students must be 3 by September 30 to apply to pre-K 3.
- ▶ Students must be 4 by September 30 to apply to pre-K 4.
- ▶ Families must use the My School DC application to apply to pre-K programs offered by schools that participate in My School DC.



**Families can apply to up to 12 schools on the My School DC application.**

My School DC encourages families to research all of their public pre-K options. Families can learn about their public school options by using the School Finder, and attending EdFEST – the annual public school fair, and school open houses.

[myschooldc.org/apply/applying-to-PK](https://myschooldc.org/apply/applying-to-PK)



# ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCES

## Tracking Your Child's Progress at DCPS



You can utilize the DCPS Assessment Guide for Families as a resource to assist families with understanding their student's assessment results.



Student progress reports and report cards are provided during each of the four terms that make up the school year. Families are encouraged to utilize the Aspen Parent Portal to access student schedules and grades. This tool allows you to gain insight into what occurs in the classroom, helping families become better equipped to support their child's strengths and areas of growth. Check out the Parent Portal guide to get started: [dcps.dc.gov/page/parent-portal](https://dcps.dc.gov/page/parent-portal).

## Practicing at Home

DCPS students can learn at home thanks to their access to great programs like iReady and Zearn! Students can access iReady for engaging reading and math instruction at their grade-level! Through Zearn, students can explore concepts, discover meaning, and make sense of math. Login information will be provided by DCPS schools.

## DCPS Readers Next Door!

This year, elementary students at DC Public Schools will have a few new friends joining them in the classroom! Meet Kayden, Amanuel, Jenna, Jacob, and Lex – five of the 10 characters in a special new series largely written and illustrated by DCPS educators, exclusively for DCPS students. **Readers Next Door** is DCPS' new early literacy project for kindergarteners to second graders to help our young readers grow. Students will read about their favorite characters living and going to school in the District while building literacy skills, content knowledge and language comprehension.

# Reading and Learning with the DC Public Library

- ▶ Sign up for the Library's Beyond the Book Club for Developing Readers in Kindergarten through Third Grade to help them find the joy in reading with library-recommended books, inspiring installations at neighborhood libraries across DC, fun activities and more! [www.dclibrary.org/beyondthebook](http://www.dclibrary.org/beyondthebook)
- ▶ Help your child become a more confident reader with videobooks and e-AudioBooks. You can also find reading lists organized by grade and theme to help your student find their next favorite book. [tinyurl.com/DCHomeworkHelp](http://tinyurl.com/DCHomeworkHelp)
- ▶ Find the joy in discovery all school-year long. Visit your neighborhood library or goDigital to find more resources for reading, listening, watching and learning. [www.dclibrary.org/godigital](http://www.dclibrary.org/godigital)
- ▶ The DC Public Library also provides tutoring services and virtual study spaces designed for a wide range of academic needs from tackling a tough homework problem, mastering a new topic or writing a paper. Live tutoring for grades K-12 is available in English and Spanish from 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. EST. at [www.dclibrary.org/helpnow](http://www.dclibrary.org/helpnow)



# PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Guide to College and Career Academies is a resource that helps 8th Grade DCPS students understand what's available in many of our DCPS high schools for hands-on career exposure and college preparation. The personalized guides share information about the NAF College and Career Academies available at each student's in-boundary schools as well as the College and Career Academies at DCPS high schools across the District.

DCPS College and Career Academies offer real-world experiences and opportunities that engage our students and they help students reach their educational and career goals. Students who enroll in these academies are more likely to attend and graduate high school, more likely to attend college, and have more immediate opportunities to enter a career pathway with many job opportunities that fit their interests.

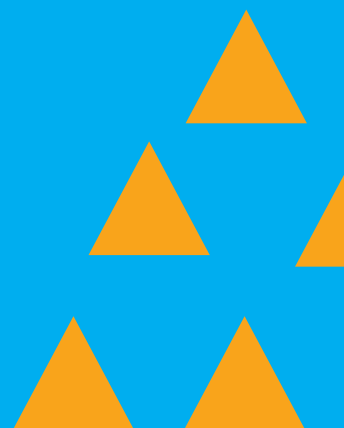


Find the Guide to College and Career Academies:  
[dcpscte.org/overview/guide-to-college-and-career-academies](https://dcpscte.org/overview/guide-to-college-and-career-academies)

**Families can also learn more about DCPS selective high schools at:**



**SCAN  
ME!**



# DC+XQ:

## A New Approach to High School

We are at a moment of incredible opportunity for thoughtful and lasting change for our schools. DCPS has partnered with XQ Institute to lead a new initiative to bring our school communities together and design a path for change: DC+XQ. Over the next five years, we have the opportunity to rethink every aspect of the high school experience from programming and school culture to thematic focus areas. This could lead to new courses of study, innovative professional development for staff, more flexible scheduling, expanded career pathways, new rigorous and exciting learning opportunities aligned to student interests, powerful partnerships, and much more.

DCPS' recent high school transformation efforts, starting with Anacostia and Ballou High Schools, were grounded from the beginning in the expertise and perspectives of DCPS students, teachers, families, and surrounding communities. The DC+XQ initiative will continue this approach to empower community-based high school models that support systemic change and student-centered innovation throughout the District.



Through a community-driven design process, our high schools will design and implement new models ensuring all students—including those furthest from opportunity—are prepared to succeed in college, career, and in life.

# HIGH SCHOOL

The District is home to more than 30 public and public charter high schools (Grades 9-12). Students can apply to up to 12 high schools on the My School DC application. They also have the option of enrolling directly at their DCPS in-boundary high school, their feeder school, or applying to a school that does not participate in My School DC.

Mayor Bowser is investing over \$30 million over three years to reimagine work-based learning in the District's schools. These investments expand access to higher education financial assistance and scholarships, and create new experiential learning opportunities for high school students through internships and the brand new Advanced Technical Center.



## Advanced Technical Center (ATC)

- Is a centrally located, open-enrollment education center where public and public charter school students entering grades 9-11 can participate in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs while remaining enrolled in their high school.
- **This fall, 128 students will participate** in cybersecurity, health information technology, and general nursing programs. Students in every program can receive college and high school credit at no cost, an industry credential and paid internship opportunities.
- ATC classes will run five days a week with two sessions offered each day.

## Advanced Internship Program (AIP)

- A new school-year internship program that places highly qualified high school juniors and seniors in programs aligned to CTE programs of study. In its first year, 330 students will be matched with employers as sites become available. Interns work eight to 12 hours per week and are paid the minimum wage (\$16.10) through funds provided by OSSE.
- **Employers** interested in hosting a student intern should complete this form [bit.ly/CTEAIP](https://bit.ly/CTEAIP).



### ► **Dual Enrollment/College Rising**

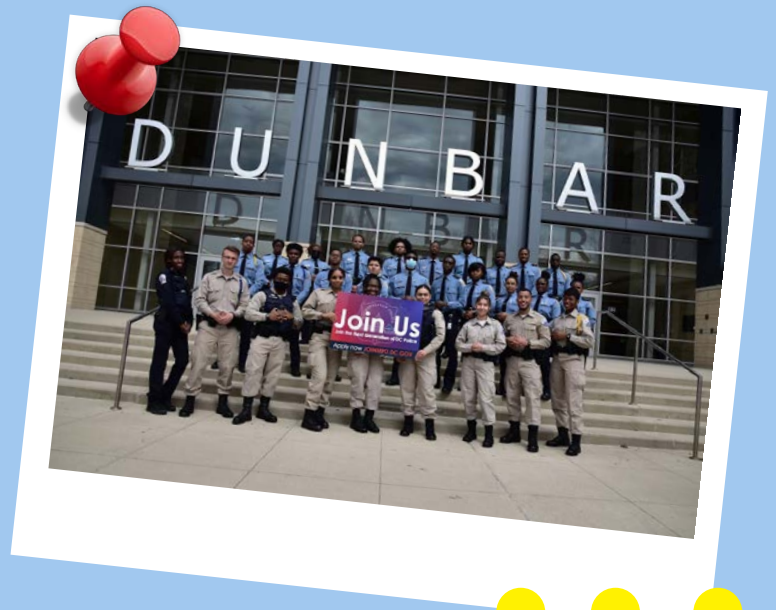
- Allows high school students to experience the academic rigor of college courses and understand what is required for success in college. Interested high school students may talk with their counselors about applying for OSSE-funded spring 2023 dual enrollment seats - the application will open in September 2022.
- Learn more at: [osse.dc.gov/page/osse-dual-enrollment-opportunities](https://osse.dc.gov/page/osse-dual-enrollment-opportunities).

### ► **DC ReEngagement Center (REC)**

- Helps youth ages 16-24 who are not enrolled in school to reconnect to educational options and services to support their attainment of a high school diploma.
- Young adults (and their family members) can learn more at [backontrackdc.osse.dc.gov/](https://backontrackdc.osse.dc.gov/).

### ► **Fall College and Career Readiness (CCR) for High School Seniors**

- High school seniors should begin planning for their postsecondary pathway in the fall - this can include college or job opportunities, work-based learning experiences, or military service.
- OSSE provides resources for students and families as well as college and career counselors here: [osse.dc.gov/page/college-and-career-resources-students-and-families](https://osse.dc.gov/page/college-and-career-resources-students-and-families).
- **SAT School Day** all high school seniors can take the SAT for free during the school day in October.
- In November, OSSE supports **College Application and Exploration Month** to build excitement for college and give graduating seniors a chance to complete their college applications during school hours with the help of volunteers. Learn more at [osse.dc.gov/service/dc-college-application-and-exploration-month](https://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-college-application-and-exploration-month).



## The Metropolitan Police Department Cadet Corps Program

The Metropolitan Police Department Cadet Corps is a specialized program for seniors in high school through 24-year-old Washingtonians to serve part-time or full-time as uniformed, civilian employees. Members of the Cadet Corps earn a salary, starting at \$35,637, while also taking college courses, and earn up to 60 tuition free credits toward a degree at the University of the District of Columbia Community College.

Cadets spend part of their time working specific job assignments for MPD while also working toward their degree. The members are put on the track to enter MPD's Police Officer Recruit Program at the Metropolitan Police Academy. The program helps cadets develop the leadership and analytical thinking skills required to meet the challenges of their complex roles as problem-solvers, service providers, and professionals in the criminal justice system of the 21st century.

Students may begin the Cadet Program part-time during their senior year in high school. For more information on the Cadet Corps program, please contact: Lieutenant Joseph Hudson at [cadet.adminbox@dc.gov](mailto:cadet.adminbox@dc.gov), call (202) 645-0445 or visit: [joinmpd.dc.gov/career-position-2020/cadet](https://joinmpd.dc.gov/career-position-2020/cadet).

# INTERNET & TECH

## In-Home Internet Assistance

Sign up for the federal Affordable Connectivity Program to receive high-speed, low-cost or free internet today! The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- ▶ Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service;
- ▶ A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

## Who Is Eligible?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines ([aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines](https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines)), or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- ▶ Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- ▶ Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program;
- ▶ Participates in one of these assistance programs:
  - SNAP
  - Medicaid
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - WIC
  - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
  - Lifeline ([fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers](https://fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers))



### GET CONNECTED

Go to [internet.dc.gov](https://internet.dc.gov)

Call (202) 266-6328

Email [techtogether@dc.gov](mailto:techtogether@dc.gov)

**DCPS families who need support  
with their child's devices can visit  
[backtoschool.dc.gov](https://backtoschool.dc.gov) > DCPS Tech Support**

# TRANSPORTATION

## Kids Ride Free

Through the Kids Ride Free program, District students can get to and from school and school-related activities for free on Metrobus, Metrorail, and the DC Circulator. New Kids Ride Free SmarTrip cards for the 2022-2023 School Year will be available for pickup by students by the week of August 29. School year 2021-2022 Kids Ride Free SmarTrip cards (purple cards) will remain valid through September 30, 2022.



To learn more, visit [kidsridefree.dc.gov](https://kidsridefree.dc.gov).  
Families can also contact their School ID Administrator  
or DDOT's School Transit Subsidy Program Office at  
**(202) 673-1740**.

## Safe Passage

Safe Passage supports students as they travel to and from school and in the community. Safe passage programming includes conflict resolution, mediation services, and community relationship building to keep students safe and improve student attendance. Safe Passage workers – trained and trusted adults from community-based organizations – are assigned to schools and work to build relationships with school staff, students, families, and community members.



For School Year 2022-23, nearly 200 personnel  
will serve 54 schools across 8 priority areas.

To learn more, visit [safepassage.dc.gov](https://safepassage.dc.gov).

Contact: [safepassage@dc.gov](mailto:safepassage@dc.gov)



# DC School Connect

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles operates DC School Connect, a transportation service for a select number of DCPS and public charter schools in designated Safe Passage Zones in Wards 7 and 8. This program allows schools to select shared locations as designated pickup and drop-off locations. To learn if your school participates in the program and how to sign up visit the website, call, or email.

Contact: **855-435-3835** or **DCSchoolConnect@dc.gov**  
Website: **[dcschoolconnect.com](https://dcschoolconnect.com)**

## OSSE DOT Parent Resource Center

Have a question about transportation for students with disabilities? The Parent Resource Center is open

**Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Call the Parent Resource Center at **(202) 576-5000**.



This school year, the District is deploying **40** additional crossing guards/safety technicians, for a total of **216** Safety Technicians, to help students get to and from school safely.

# SLOW DOWN!



**Help keep our kids and communities safe!**

Use care on roads near schools, pay special attention to instructions from crossing guards, and if you see something, say something.



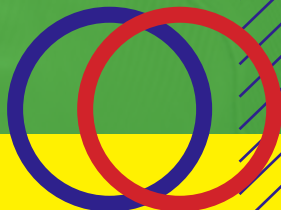
# TUTORING, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

## Out-of-School Time Youth Scholarship Program

DC families can apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarship assistance for out-of-school time programming. Through this new scholarship, the District provides financial assistance to families can use to cover the cost of after school, weekend, summer, and other out-of-school time programs and activities.

Examples of programming covered by the scholarship include, but are not limited to, academic enrichment, tutoring, mentoring, athletics, dance, coding, STEM, and much more.

For questions, contact: [bmurphy@thecommunityfoundation.org](mailto:bmurphy@thecommunityfoundation.org)



## College Financial and Tuition Support Opportunities

While OSSE's three primary scholarship and grant applications closed on August 19, 2022, it is never too early to begin planning for next year! It is easier to apply for DC Futures, the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG), and the Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program when applicants begin collecting documents early. The three programs have more than \$50 million dollars available in financial aid and postsecondary supports to DC residents in the 2022-23 award year.

This year, DC Futures will support more than 1,000 eligible college students attending The Catholic University of America, Trinity Washington University, and the University of the District of Columbia. The program provides funding and college coaching services to help ensure student success.

The DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) is a federally funded program that pays the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition, up to \$10,000 annually at public colleges nationwide and up to \$2,500 at private colleges in DC and private HBCUs.

The Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program is a locally funded program, provides need-based funding for eligible DC residents earning their first associate or bachelor's degree at select area colleges and universities.

To learn more about DC Futures, DCTAG, or Mayor's Scholars, please visit [osse.dc.gov/page/scholarships-and-grants-students](https://osse.dc.gov/page/scholarships-and-grants-students).

The 2023-24 FAFSA opens on October 1, 2022. It is important for all college-going students, whether they are in high school, in college, or taking a gap year.

# Family Support



The **Parent and Adolescent Support Services** Program (PASS) assists youth up to 17 years old who are skipping school, leaving home, violating curfew, and/or experiencing extreme family conflict. Intensive case management, Functional Family Therapy and community-based services are used to address these behaviors and improve family relationships. **Email: [dhs.pass@dc.gov](mailto:dhs.pass@dc.gov) or Call: (202) 698-4334**

Parent, grandparent, or caregiver who needs support figuring out your next step? Recent graduate looking for a job? The **Career Coach DC** program offers coaching services to help DC residents who are 18 and older with employment and education success. Residents can connect with Career Coach DC and sign-up for virtual, in-person, or hybrid services by registering online at [careercoach.dc.gov](https://careercoach.dc.gov), calling (202) 989-1002, or emailing [careercoach@dc.gov](mailto:careercoach@dc.gov).

The Department of Behavioral Health operates a **24/7 Mental Health Hotline** to provide free counseling and support to residents. Residents are encouraged to contact the Mental Health Hotline at 1(888) 793-4357 to talk with a trained mental health specialist if they're feeling depressed, anxious, or just not themselves. Families experiencing a mental health crisis can also contact the District's suicide prevention and crisis services lifeline by dialing 988.

When families are supported in their homes and communities, their children can better focus and thrive in school. Families First DC is Mayor Bowser's investment to service families in targeted neighborhoods where support is needed the most. If you live in Wards 5, 7, or 8, visit one of the DC Child and Family Services Agency's 11 **Family Success Centers** to be connected to resources around parenting, workforce development, food security, mental health, and more. Find out more at [cfsa.dc.gov/page/families-first-dc](https://cfsa.dc.gov/page/families-first-dc).

Are you a District resident who's raising your grandchild, great-grandchild, great-niece, or great-nephew? You may qualify for the **Grandparent Caregiver Program**. And for residents who are raising other kin within the District, you may qualify for the Close Relatives Caregiver Program. For those eligible, the programs provide monthly financial assistance to help you care for the child related to and living with you.

**Email: [cfsa.gcp@dc.gov](mailto:cfsa.gcp@dc.gov) or Call: (202) 442-6009**

Through the Department of Behavioral Health's **ChAMPS program (Children and Adolescent Mobile Psychiatric Service)**, a mobile team will come to a family's home to support and stabilize children and youth ages 6-18 facing a behavioral health crisis. **Call ChAMPS at (202) 481-1440.**

## Planning for Next School Year: My School DC

### Key Dates for the 2023-24 School Year Lottery Cycle

- December 10, 2022: EdFEST – the annual public school fair
- December 12, 2022: Lottery application opens
- February 1, 2023: Application deadline (grades 9-12)
- March 1, 2023: Application deadline (pre-K 3 – grade 8)
- March 31, 2023: Lottery results are available
- May 1, 2023: Enrollment deadline for matched students

If you have questions, please contact the My School DC hotline at (202) 888-6336 or email [info.myschooldc@dc.gov](mailto:info.myschooldc@dc.gov)



# Meet Your Education Leaders

Questions? Concerns? Need more information? Reach out!

Call or email Mayor Bowser's office | Email: [muriel.bowser@dc.gov](mailto:muriel.bowser@dc.gov) • Call: (202) 727-2643



## Paul Kihn, Deputy Mayor for Education

Paul Kihn accepted an appointment by Mayor Bowser to serve as the District's Deputy Mayor for Education in 2018. The DME is responsible for developing and implementing the Mayor's vision for academic excellence, promoting strategic coordination across government agencies, DC Public Schools and public charter schools, and community partners, and ensuring a high-quality education from early childhood, to K-12, through post-secondary and the workforce.

You can contact Deputy Mayor Kihn at [paul.kihn@dc.gov](mailto:paul.kihn@dc.gov).



## Dr. Christina Grant, State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Christina Grant serves as the State Superintendent of Education for the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, and was nominated by Mayor Bowser in June 2021. As State Superintendent, she oversees work to sustain, accelerate and deepen the progress being made for the District's 90,000+ students, and works closely with the District's 470+ early childhood facilities, 250+ schools, 60+ local education agencies (including DCPS and charter organizations), and community-based organizations.

You can contact Superintendent Grant at [OSSE.Superintendent@dc.gov](mailto:OSSE.Superintendent@dc.gov).



## Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee, Chancellor, DCPS

Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee is the Chancellor of DC Public Schools, selected by Mayor Bowser in 2018. Bringing 20 years of experience to his position as Chancellor, Dr. Ferebee is focused on ensuring there is great school in every neighborhood, keeping equity and transparency at the heart of our district's work, and setting every student up for post-secondary success.

You can contact Chancellor Ferebee at [chancellor@k12.dc.gov](mailto:chancellor@k12.dc.gov).



## Dr. Michelle J. Walker-Davis, Executive Director, DC Public Charter School Board

Dr. Michelle J. Walker-Davis joined the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) in August 2020 as the Executive Director.

DC PCSB is an independent government agency of the District of Columbia. As the sole public charter school authorizer in the District, DC PCSB provides oversight to District's public charter schools, which are managed by independently run nonprofit organizations called local education agencies.

You can contact Dr. Walker-Davis at [dcpublic@dcpscb.org](mailto:dcpublic@dcpscb.org).

# The Council of the District of Columbia



**The Council's Education Committee sits within the Committee of the Whole, meaning all 13 Councilmembers are responsible for oversight of the following agencies:**

Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes

Community College of the District of Columbia

Community College Transition to Independence Advisory Board

Community Schools Advisory Committee

District of Columbia Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Council

District of Columbia Public Charter School Board

District of Columbia Public Schools

District of Columbia State Athletics Commission

Education Licensure Commission

Healthy Youth and Schools Commission

Higher Education Licensure Commission

Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education

Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education

Office of the State Superintendent of Education (including Advisory Panel on Special Education, Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council)

Office of the Student Advocate

Our Schools Leadership Committee

Public Charter School Credit Enhancement Fund Committee

State Board of Education

University of the District of Columbia

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## DCPS Back to School Block Party 2022

Join Mayor Bowser and DCPS for a community  
celebration to kick off the new school year!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**ELIOT-HINE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**1830 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NE**

