



DC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

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MISSION

To provide quality public school options for DC students, families, and communities through:

- A comprehensive application review process;
- Effective oversight;
- Meaningful support; and
- Active engagement of its stakeholders.

VISION

To lead the transformation of public education in DC, and serve as a national role model for charter school authorizing and accountability.



WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM JOHN H. “SKIP” MCKOY, BOARD CHAIR

Quality and choice. We hear those words a lot, but what do they really mean?

At PCSB, when we say “quality” we mean quality schools – the places where students can excel academically. These are the institutions which help students learn and grow – where they can be the first in their family to graduate in four years and then be accepted to college or head to the workforce. It’s where they can strive to be their best, learn to work in teams and gain the skills they will need to do well in life.

At PCSB we don’t just approve charters. We help good schools become better and close those that are low performing. We’re proud that 23 public charter schools today are Tier 1. More and more parents are enrolling their children in these high-performing schools.

So what does “choice” mean? Choice means that families can pick from dozens of unique charter schools which offer new, innovative and different approaches to learning. Some employ very structured educational environments while others focus on language immersion, blended learning, Montessori, expeditionary learning, adult education programs or more.

No two schools are exactly the same. Each is different from each other and from traditional DC Public Schools. Parents have a choice. They get to decide.

Sometimes it’s hard to believe the first charter school opened in the District just 18 years ago. Today, they are an essential part of the Washington, DC public education environment. And it’s our job to work with each public charter school to make sure they get better – as we continue to focus on quality and choice.

MESSAGE FROM SCOTT PEARSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DC charter schools had another exceptional year. School academic performance improved significantly, as it has for the past seven years. (See page 13.) Charter schools significantly outperform city averages in academic performance and graduation rates even as they enroll higher percentages of low-income students. We are proud of these results.

As part of our Performance Management Framework (PMF) we rank charter schools as Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3. As you will read in this report, we have made real progress this year to increase the number of children attending Tier 1 charter schools while decreasing the number attending Tier 3 schools. This year we distributed 30,000 copies of a parent guide to help parents select the best school for their child. And we expanded the PMF to cover early childhood and adult education charter schools.

2013 will be remembered as the year we collaborated with our colleagues at DC Public Schools (DCPS) to launch My School DC – a common lottery that greatly simplified the process for applying to a public or public charter school. Our collaboration with DCPS also produced the first ever DC Equity Reports, which provided parents with an unprecedented amount of information about the performance of all public schools in DC.

Charter schools have continued to add students each year but this year DCPS added students as well, capping a turnaround after a fifty-year decline. With both systems improving and adding students we are seeing a renaissance in urban education that will bring great benefits to our city.



BOARD

MEET OUR BOARD

From Left to Right: Herbert Tillery, Sara Mead, Don Soifer, Barbara Nophlin, Darren Woodruff, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Emily Bloomfield and John H. "Skip" McKoy, Chair



STAFF

MEET OUR STAFF

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT

This department is responsible for all aspects of the life-cycle of a public charter school applications, negotiating charter agreements, and holding schools accountable for meeting quality academic and non-academic standards.

- Charlotte Cureton, EFA Specialist
- Katie Dammann, Program Assistant
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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

This department provides legal and policy knowledge, expertise and judgment to all phases of PCSB operations, including but not limited to charter agreements, renewals and revocations, annual reporting, grants, contracts and ethics.

- Nia Fripp Smith, Deputy General Counsel
- Sasha Speed, Assistant

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

This department is responsible for PCSB procedures related to accounting, contracts and procurement and office maintenance.

- Marvin Cross, Financial Manager
- Charlene Haigler-Mickles, Operations Associate
- Angela Moore, Administrative Assistant
- Alyssa Sutherland, Operations Assistant

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

This department is responsible for presenting PCSB's work to all external audiences by using the PCSB's website and other channels to communicate with parents, the community, government officials and nonprofits.

- Tomeika Bowden, Associate
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HUMAN CAPITAL AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT

This department handles internal human resources functions, strategic initiatives, and coordination with DC government agencies and nonprofits.

- Ella Krivitchenko, Executive Team Coordinator
- Audrey Williams, Intergovernmental Relations & School Support Manager



EXECUTIVE STAFF

From Left to Right: Scott Pearson, Executive Director; Naomi Rubin DeVaux, Deputy Director; Nicole Streeter, General Counsel; Lin Johnson III, Director of Finance and Operations; Theola Labbé-DeBose, Director of Communications; Clara Hess, Ph.D., Director of Human Capital and Strategic Initiatives

BOARD ACTIONS

(2013-14)



AUGUST 19, 2013

APPROVED

- Updating the Definition of Truancy on PCSB Truancy Policy
- Achievement Prep PCS Charter Amendment to Expand to Grades Kindergarten to 4
- 15-Year Charter Agreement for Maya Angelou PCS with Conditions
- 5-Year Charter Continuance for Excel Academy PCS
- Imagine SE PCS Charter Amendment to Close Grades 7 and 8
- Booker T. Washington PCS request to Change LEA Status to an Independent Charter

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

APPROVED

- Early Childhood PMF
- Adult Education PMF
- Revising the Elementary/Middle School PMF
- Revising the High School PMF
- Adopting Adult Education PMF Mission-Specific Goals: Briya PCS, Community College Prep PCS and LAYC Career Academy PCS
- Public Comment Period on School Data Security Policy

OCTOBER 16, 2013

APPROVED

- New 15-Year Charter Agreement for Community College Prep PCS
- Adopting Adult Education PMF mission-specific goals: Carlos Rosario International PCS, Maya Angelou PCS and The Next Step/El Proximo Paso PCS.
- Policy on Maintaining 2012-13 weights for 2013-14 High School PMF
- Public Comment Period on Charter School Participation in My School DC
- Public Comment Period on the Revised PCSB Procurement Contracts and Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes Policy

DENIED

- Eagle Academy PCS Request Enrollment Ceiling Increase

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

APPROVED

- Experienced Operator Charter Applications from Harmony DC PCS and Democracy Prep PCS, with conditions
- Data Access Security Policy
- Public Comment Period on 2013-14 PMF Technical Guide

DECEMBER 16, 2013

APPROVED

- Meridian PCS Petition for 15-year Charter Renewal
- Initiate Charter Revocation for Options PCS
- Policy on Changing Floors and Targets for Adult Education PMF
- Charter School Participation in My School DC Policy
- Public Comment Period on Policy to Designate for Eligibility the Alternative Accountability Framework

JANUARY 8, 2014 (SPECIAL MEETING)

DENIED

- Arts and Technology PCS Petition for 15-Year Charter Renewal

JANUARY 22, 2014

APPROVED

- Enrollment Ceiling Increase Requests for Creative Minds International PCS and Mundo Verde PCS
- Ideal Academy PCS Petition for 15-Year Charter Renewal with conditions
- Public Comment Period on Adult Education PMF Technical Guide
- Elementary/Middle and High School PMF Technical Guide

JANUARY 30, 2014 (SPECIAL MEETING)

DENIED

- Booker T. Washington PCS Petition for 15-Year Charter Renewal

FEBRUARY 19, 2014

APPROVED

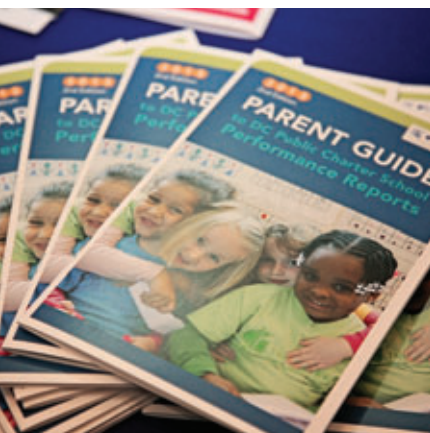
- KIPP DC PCS and Arts and Technology PCS Acquisition of Assets
- Enrollment Ceiling Increase Requests for: Briya PCS, DC Prep PCS
- Tree of Life PCS Charter Amendment to Adopt the PMF as its Goals and Academic Achievement Expectations
- Perry Street Prep PCS Petition for 15-Year Charter Renewal with conditions
- Policy to designate for eligibility the Alternative Accountability Framework
- Public Comment Period on Early Childhood PMF Technical Guide

NOTICE OF CONCERN

- Potomac Lighthouse PCS. Failure to Accurately Submit Discipline Data and Special Education Concerns
- Washington Math Science and Technology PCS. Failure to Adhere to Board Governance Structure



BOARD ACTIONS (2013-14)



MARCH 17, 2014

APPROVED

- Somerset Prep PCS to Expand to 9th grade
- Full Approval for Democracy Prep PCS to open in the 2014-15 SY
- Roots PCS Petition for 15-Year Charter Renewal
- Revising Alternative Accountability Framework Policy
- DC Bilingual PCS Charter Amendment to Adopt the PMF as its Goals and Academic Achievement Expectations
- Public Comment Period to Adopt the PMF as Charter Goals and Academic Achievement Policy

NOTICE OF CONCERN

- Maya Angelou PCS and Hospitality High PCS. Exceeded PCSB truancy policy threshold
- Withdrew — Washington Math Science and Technology PCS. Failure to comply with Board Governance Structure

APRIL 23, 2014 (PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW CHARTER APPLICATIONS)

APPROVED

- KIPP DC PCS Request for Enrollment Ceiling Increase and Charter Amendment for Campus Reconfiguration
- Washington Latin PCS Charter Amendment to Adopt the PMF as Charter Goals and Academic Achievement Policy
- PCSB FY2013 Audit
- Early Childhood PMF Technical Guide
- Adult Education PMF Technical Guide
- Public Comment Period on PCSB Procurement Contracts and Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes Policy

NOTICE OF CONCERN

- Ingenuity Prep PCS, Perry Street Prep PCS, Friendship PCS – Blow-Pierce Middle and Somerset Prep PCS. Exceed PCSB truancy policy threshold

APRIL 29, 2014 (SPECIAL MEETING)

APPROVED

- Rescinding Charter Revocation Against Options PCS and Signing Memorandum of Understanding
- Accepting Hospitality High PCS Letter to Relinquish its Charter
- Democracy Prep PCS Request Enrollment Ceiling Increase and to Expand to Grade 8

MAY 19, 2014

APPROVED

- New Charter Applications: Children's Guild, Washington Global, Monument Academy
- Designating Alternative Accountability Framework Eligibility for: Options PCS and St. Coletta PCS
- Amending Policy on Adopting the PMF as Charter Goals and Academic Achievement Policy
- PCSB Procurement Contracts and Board of Trustees' Meeting Minute Submission Policy

DENIED

- New Charter Applications: Educare, One World, SPACE, Washington Leadership Academy and Xcelerate

NOTICE OF CONCERN

- Withdrew — Potomac Lighthouse PCS. Special Education concern. Perry Street PCS, Ingenuity Prep PCS, Maya Angelou PCS and Somerset Prep PCS. Exceeded PCSB truancy policy threshold.
- IDEA PCS, Imagine SE PCS and Options PCS — Exceed PCSB truancy policy threshold

JUNE 16, 2014

APPROVED

- Full Approval for New Charter Schools to Open in 2014-15 SY: Lee Montessori PCS, Harmony DC PCS, Academy of Hope PCS
- Request to Replicate Tier 1 Program for: Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS and Two Rivers PCS
- AppleTree PCS Request to Relocate, Adopt the PMF as Charter Goals and Academic Achievement Policy and Formalize Relationship with AppleTree Institute
- DC Bilingual PCS, Elsie Whitlow Stokes PCS, Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS, Mundo Verde PCS, and Washington Yu Ying PCS to Expand to High School Grades
- 10-Year Charter Continuance for: William E. Doar Jr. PCS and DC Bilingual PCS
- Public Comment Period on 2014-15 PMF Technical Guide

NOTICE OF CONCERN

- Withdrew — Friendship PCS — Blow-Pierce Middle and Options PCS. Exceeded PCSB truancy policy threshold.

JULY 21, 2014

APPROVAL

- 10-Year Charter Continuance for Two Rivers PCS
- 5-Year Charter Continuance for National Collegiate PCS
- Designating DC International School to operate as one public charter school
- Public Comment Period for: Revisions to PCSB Attendance and Truancy Policy, Revisions to PCSB Contract and Minute Submission Policy
- Excel Academy PCS Request to Adopt the PMF as Charter Goals and Academic Achievement Policy

NOTICE OF CONCERN

- National Collegiate PCS — Violation of PCSB's Data Management Policy
- Withdrew — IDEA PCS, Imagine SE PCS and Hospitality PCS. Exceeded PCSB truancy policy threshold.



ACADEMIC OVERSIGHT

2013 PMF OVERVIEW

Tier 1	
Percentage:	65% - 100%
Category:	High-Performing
No. of Schools Identified By PMF:	23

Tier 2	
Percentage:	35% - 64.9%
Category:	Short of High Performance, but meets overall performance
No. of Schools Identified By PMF:	35

Tier 3	
Percentage:	0 - 34.9%
Category:	Short of High Performance and shows inadequacy
No. of Schools Identified By PMF:	6

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (PMF)

In November 2013, PCSB issued the results of the Performance Management Framework (PMF), its annual accountability tool for assessing and monitoring charter school performance. Based on academic and leading indicators such as attendance, re-enrollment and college acceptance, schools earn points that are calculated into a percentage score that places the schools into one of three tiers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 schools have been Tier 1 for **3** consecutive years
- 5 schools are Tier 1 for the **1st** time in 2013
- 19 schools have been Tier 2 for **3** consecutive years
- 10 schools are Tier 2 for the **1st** time in 2013
- 4 schools are Tier 3 for the **1st** time in 2013



SCHOOLS IN OPERATION BY TIER

TIER 1 SCHOOLS

Tier 1 Schools	2013 Score	2012 Score	2012 Tier	Type of Program	Ward
Achievement Prep Academy PCS – Middle	85.5%	86.3%	Tier 1	College Prep	8
Center City PCS – Brightwood	73.5%	67.8%	Tier 1	Early Childhood	4
Center City PCS – Petworth	70.2%	69.3%	Tier 1	Early Childhood	4
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Chávez Prep	65.2%	66.6%	Tier 1	Public Policy/Law, College Prep	1
DC Bilingual PCS	65.2%	60.3%	Tier 2	Early Childhood, Dual Language	1
DC Prep PCS – Edgewood Middle	89.6%	90.8%	Tier 1	College Prep	5
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS	66.0%	63.5%	Tier 2	Early Childhood, Dual Language	5
Friendship PCS – Chamberlain Middle	67.0%	53.8%	Tier 2	College Prep	6
KIPP DC – AIM Academy PCS	82.9%	89.4%	Tier 1	College Prep	8
KIPP DC – KEY Academy PCS	91.0%	87.6%	Tier 1	College Prep	7
KIPP DC – Promise Academy PCS	74.6%	N/A	N/A	College Prep	7
KIPP DC – WILL Academy PCS	80.7%	73.8%	Tier 1	College Prep	6
Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS	80.5%	77.6%	Tier 1	Early Childhood, Montessori, Language Immersion	4
Paul PCS – Middle School	68.3%	65.8%	Tier 1	Arts Integration, College Prep	4
Two Rivers PCS	69.9%	73.8%	Tier 1	Early Childhood, Arts Integration, Expeditionary Learning	6
Washington Latin PCS – Middle School	65.2%	71.5%	Tier 1	Arts Integration, College Prep	4
Washington Yu Ying PCS	78.3%	76.7%	Tier 1	Early Childhood, Language Immersion	5
Capital City PCS – High School	66.4%	53.9%	Tier 2	Expeditionary Learning,	4
KIPP DC – College Preparatory PCS	76.2%	66.7%	Tier 1	College Prep	8
SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C. (High)	67.8%	66.7%	Tier 1	College Prep, Boarding School	7
Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS	77.4%	79.9%	Tier 1	Public Policy/Law	8
Washington Latin PCS – Upper School	87.0%	80.8%	Tier 1	Arts Integration/College Prep	4
Washington Mathematics Science Technology PCHS	65.1%	63.0%	Tier 2	College Prep	5

SCHOOL RANKINGS

TIER 2 SCHOOLS

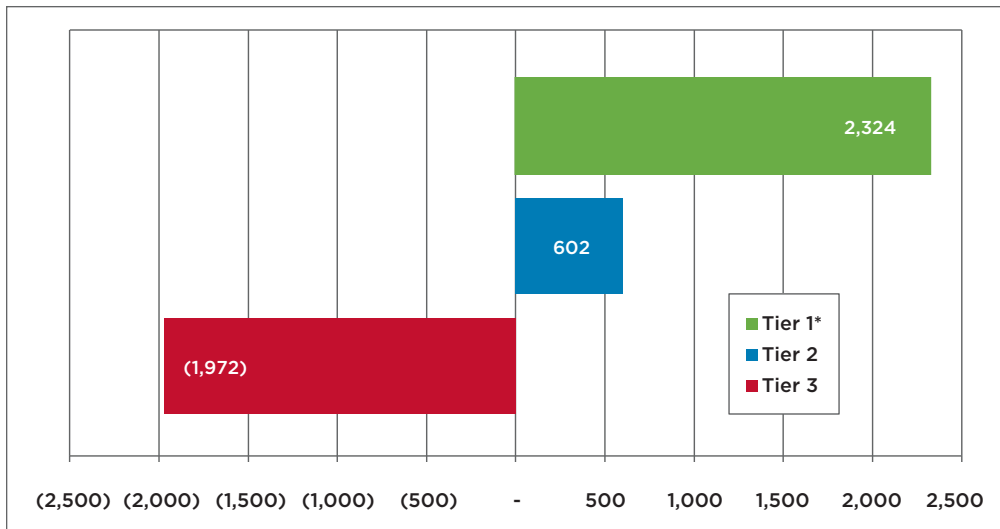
Tier 2 Schools	2013 Score	2012 Score	2012 Tier	Type of Program	Ward
Center City PCS – Capitol Hill	45.3%	59.5%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	6
Center City PCS – Congress Heights	50.1%	37.0%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	8
Center City PCS – Shaw	52.3%	50.4%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	6
Center City PCS – Trinidad	43.2%	61.1%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	5
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Parkside Middle School	48.7%	47.3%	Tier 2	Public Policy/Law, College Prep	7
Community Academy PCS – Amos 1	41.2%	38.3%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	4
Community Academy PCS – Butler Global	59.1%	65.0%	Tier 1	Early Childhood	5
Community Academy PCS – CAPCS Online	53.1%	55.4%	Tier 2	Online School	N/A
E.L. Haynes PCS – Georgia Avenue	60.9%	65.6%	Tier 1	College Prep, Expeditionary Learning	1
Excel Academy PCS	46.5%	N/A	N/A	Early Childhood, Single sex	8
Friendship PCS – Blow-Pierce Middle	47.5%	35.7%	Tier 2	College Prep	7
Friendship PCS – Southeast Elementary Academy	62.0%	49.6%	Tier 2	Online	8
Friendship PCS – Technology Preparatory Academy	37.5%	50.1%	Tier 2	Career/Technical, College Prep	8
Friendship PCS – Woodridge Middle	49.9%	50.0%	Tier 2	College Prep	5
Hope Community PCS – Tolson	45.2%	54.2%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	5
Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS	62.5%	69.6%	Tier 1	Math and Science	1
Ideal Academy PCS	44.0%	29.7%	Tier 3	Early Childhood	4
IDEA (Integrated Design & Electronic Academy) PCS	38.4%	14.3%	Tier 3	Career/Technical, College Prep	7
Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy PCS	51.0%	42.6%	Tier 2	Early Childhood, Arts Integration, Language Immersion	5
Maya Angelou PCS – Evans Middle School	35.5%	27.3%	Tier 3	Alternative, Career/Technical, College Prep	7
Meridian PCS	62.8%	45.3%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	1
Perry Street Preparatory PCS – Lower School	47.2%	43.4%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	5
Roots PCS	43.1%	48.4%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	4
SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C. (Middle)	62.1%	80.3%	Tier 1	College Prep, Boarding School	7
Tree of Life PCS	40.5%	35.5%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	5
William E. Doar, Jr. PCS for the Performing Arts	36.5%	38.4%	Tier 2	Arts Integration	5
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Capitol Hill	57.7%	52.6%	Tier 2	Public Policy/Law, College Prep	6
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Parkside High School	62.7%	56.6%	Tier 2	Public Policy/Law, College Prep	7
E.L. Haynes PCS – Kansas Avenue (High School)	58.3%	N/A	N/A	College Prep, Expeditionary Learning	4
Friendship PCS – Collegiate Academy	53.1%	62.8%	Tier 2	Career/Technical, College Prep	7
Friendship PCS – Technology Preparatory Academy	59.4%	N/A	N/A	Career/Technical, College Prep	8
Hospitality High PCS	36.9%	38.2%	Tier 2	Hospitality, Career/Technical	2
National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter High School	51.4%	49.0%	Tier 2	Expeditionary Learning, College Prep, Public Policy/Law	8
Richard Wright PCS for Journalism and Media Arts	35.8%	27.7%	N/A	Journalism and Media, Arts Integration, College Prep	6

TIER 3 SCHOOLS

Tier 3 Schools	2013 Score	2012 Score	2012 Score	Type of Program	Ward
Arts and Technology Academy PCS	31.9%	34.0%	Tier 3	Arts Integration	7
Community Academy PCS – Amos 3	25.7%	35.4%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	5
Hope Community PCS – Lamond	28.3%	48.8%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	4
Imagine Southeast PCS	26.0%	35.6%	Tier 2	Early Childhood	8
Potomac Lighthouse PCS	34.3%	49.3%	Tier 2	Early Childhood, Arts Integration	5
Booker T. Washington PCS	22.9%	30.0%	Tier 3	Career/Technical, Adult Education	1
Perry Street Preparatory PCS – Upper School	31.7%	37.6%	Tier 2	College Prep	5

(The scores in the school listings only reflect results from the corresponding grade levels – either elementary/middle or high school for schools serving several grade levels.)

CHANGE IN SEATS BY TIER BETWEEN 2011 AND 2014



NUMBER OF SEATS PER TIER

	2013-14	2014-15P	Change	% Change
Tier 1*	11,217	13,541	2,324	20.7%
Tier 2	12,324	12,926	602	4.9%
Tier 3	3,159	1,187	(1,972)	-62.4%

* Tier 1 includes the following new schools that are expected to be Tier 1 on Day 1 based on past academic performance in other states. They applied through our Experienced Operators Application Cycle: Democracy Prep PCS, and Harmony PCS. Tier 1 also includes DC International PCS: a 6-12 school comprising students from five high performing charter elementary schools.



SCHOOL RANKINGS

UNTIERED SCHOOLS

Untiered Schools	Type of Program	Ward
AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Columbia Heights	Early Childhood	1
Creative Minds International PCS	Early Childhood	1
Booker T. Washington PCS	Adult Education/GED	1
DC Bilingual PCS	Early Childhood, Dual Language	1
Meridian PCS	Early Childhood	1
Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS	Dual Language, Expeditionary Learning	1
Shining Stars Montessori Academy PCS	Montessori	1
The Next Step/El Próximo Paso PCS	Adult Education	1
YouthBuild PCS	Adult Education, Alternative, Career/Technical	1
BASIS DC PCS	College Prep	2
Bridges PCS- Main Campus	Early Childhood, Inclusion Special Education Program	4
Bridges PCS-Sharpe Campus	Early Childhood, Inclusion Special Education Program	4
Capital City PCS – Lower School	Expeditionary Learning	4
Capital City PCS – Middle School	Expeditionary Learning	4
Center City PCS - Brightwood	Early Childhood	4
Center City PCS - Petworth	Early Childhood	4
Community Academy PCS - Amos 1	Early Childhood	4
E.L. Haynes PCS – Kansas Avenue (Elementary School)	College Prep, Expeditionary Learning	4
Hope Community PCS - Lamond	Early Childhood	4
Ideal Academy PCS	Early Childhood	4
Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS	Early Childhood, Montessori, Language Immersion	4
LAYC Career Academy PCS	Adult Education	4
Paul PCS – International High School	Arts Integration, College Prep	4

Untiered Schools	Type of Program	Ward
Roots PCS	Early Childhood	4
Sela PCS	Early Childhood, Dual Language (Hebrew)	4
Center City PCS - Trinidad	Early Childhood	5
Community Academy PCS – Amos 2	Early Childhood	5
Community Academy PCS - Amos 3	Early Childhood	5
Community Academy PCS - Butler Global	Early Childhood	5
DC Prep PCS – Edgewood Elementary	College Prep	5
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS	Dual Language	5
Friendship PCS – Woodridge Elementary	College Prep	5
Hope Community PCS - Tolson	Early Childhood	5
KIPP DC – Connect Academy PCS	College Prep	5
KIPP DC – Northeast Academy PCS	College Prep	5
KIPP DC – Spring Academy PCS	College Prep	5
Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy PCS	Early Childhood, Arts Integration, Language Immersion	5
Perry Street Prep PCS (Lower School)	College Prep	5
Potomac Lighthouse PCS	College Prep	5
Tree of Life PCS	Early Childhood	5
William E. Doar, Jr. PCS for the Performing Arts	Early Childhood, Performing Arts	5
Washington Yu Ying PCS	Early Childhood, Language Immersion	5
AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Lincoln Park	Early Childhood	6
AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Southwest	Early Childhood	6
Center City PCS - Capitol Hill	Early Childhood	6
Center City PCS - Shaw	Early Childhood	6

The school is untiered because there were no students in the grade who took the standardized test, the school was not open in the previous year, or the school is an early childhood or adult education program.

Untiered Schools	Type of Program	Ward
Eagle Academy PCS - New Jersey Avenue	Early Childhood	6
Friendship PCS - Chamberlain Elementary	College Prep	6
KIPP DC - Grow Academy PCS	College Prep	6
Two Rivers PCS	Early Childhood, Arts Integration, Expeditionary Learning	6
KIPP DC - LEAD Academy PCS	College Prep	6
Options PCS	Special Education	6
St. Coletta Special Education PCS	Special Education, Adult Education, Arts Integration	6
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Oklahoma Ave	Early Childhood	7
Arts & Technology Academy PCS	Arts Integration	7
DC Prep PCS - Benning Elementary	College Prep	7
DC Prep PCS - Benning Middle	College Prep	7
DC Scholars PCS	Early Childhood	7
Friendship PCS - Blow-Pierce Elementary	College Prep	7
KIPP DC- Promise Academy PCS	College Prep	7
KIPP DC - LEAP Academy PCS	College Prep	7
Maya Angelou PCS - High School	Alternative, Career/Technical, College Prep	7
Maya Angelou PCS - Young Adult Learning Center	Alternative, Career/Technical, College Prep	7

Untiered Schools	Type of Program	Ward
Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS - Elementary	College Prep	8
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Southeast	Early Childhood	8
Cedar Tree Academy PCS	Early Childhood	8
Center City PCS - Congress Heights	Early Childhood	8
Eagle Academy PCS - The Eagle Center at McGogney	Early Childhood	8
Early Childhood Academy PCS	Early Childhood	8
Excel Academy PCS	Single sex education	8
Friendship PCS - Southeast Elementary Academy	Early Childhood	8
Imagine Southeast PCS	Early Childhood	8
Ingenuity Prep PCS	Blended Learning	8
KIPP DC - Discover Academy PCS	College Prep	8
KIPP DC - Heights Academy PCS	College Prep	8
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	College Prep	8
Briya PCS	PK3 - PK4 & Adult Ed	1 & 4
Carlos Rosario International PCS	Adult Education/GED	1 & 5
Community Academy PCS - Online	Online	n/a
Community College Preparatory Academy PCS	Adult Education	8
Inspired Teaching PCS	Expeditionary Learning	1

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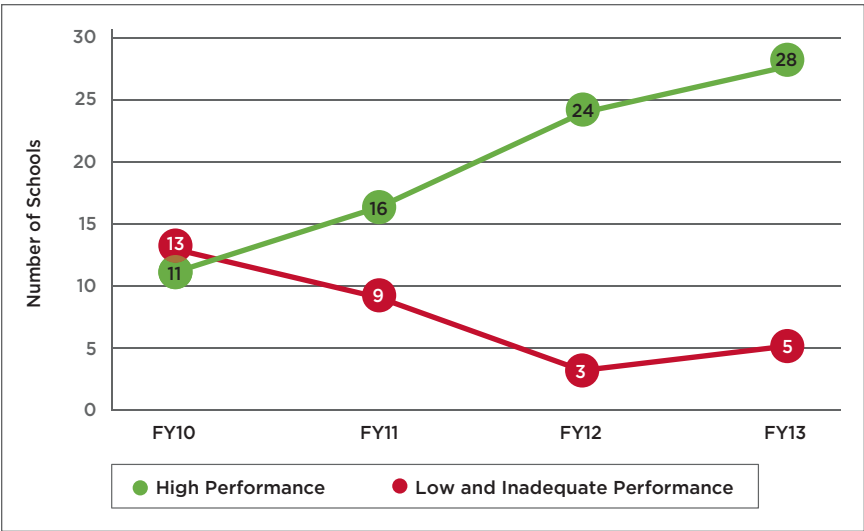
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT



The DC School Reform Act (SRA) of 1995 gives PCSB the authority and obligation to monitor the financial operations of DC public charter schools. According to the law, PCSB can close a school at any time if the school “has a pattern of nonadherence to generally accepted accounting principles, a pattern of fiscal mismanagement or is no longer economically viable.”

PCSB evaluates schools using the Financial Audit Review evaluation tool to ascertain the financial health each charter school. In the 2013-14 school year the number of high fiscal-performing schools nearly tripled (from 11 to 31) since fiscal year 2010 while the number of poor fiscal-performing schools remains constant at five or nine percent of all LEAs. Moreover three-quarters or 43 LEAs have more than one month of cash on hand while 40% have three or more months on hand.

CHANGE IN PCS FISCAL PERFORMANCE

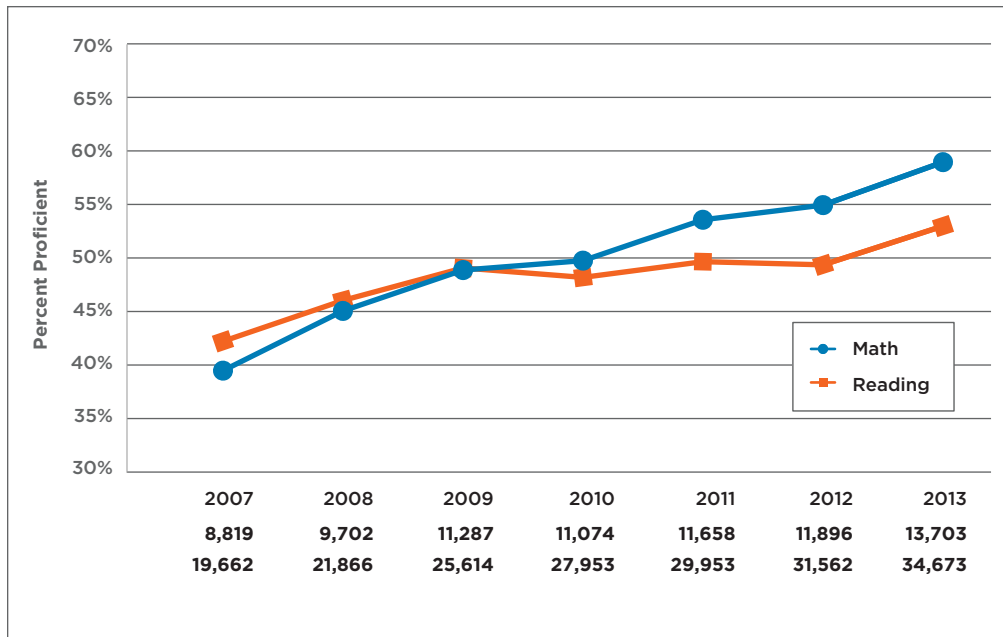


FY 2013 CHARTER SCHOOL
AUDIT REPORTS

	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011	FY 2010
Late Audit Submissions	9	2	4	6
Reportable Audit Findings	10	8	18	28
Schools with Unsolved Reportable Audit Findings	2	4	15	9
Schools with Qualified Audit Opinions	1	1	2	5
Schools with Incidents of Noncompliance	2	1	6	10
Schools with Material Weaknesses	1	2	5	7

FOCUS ON QUALITY & CHOICE

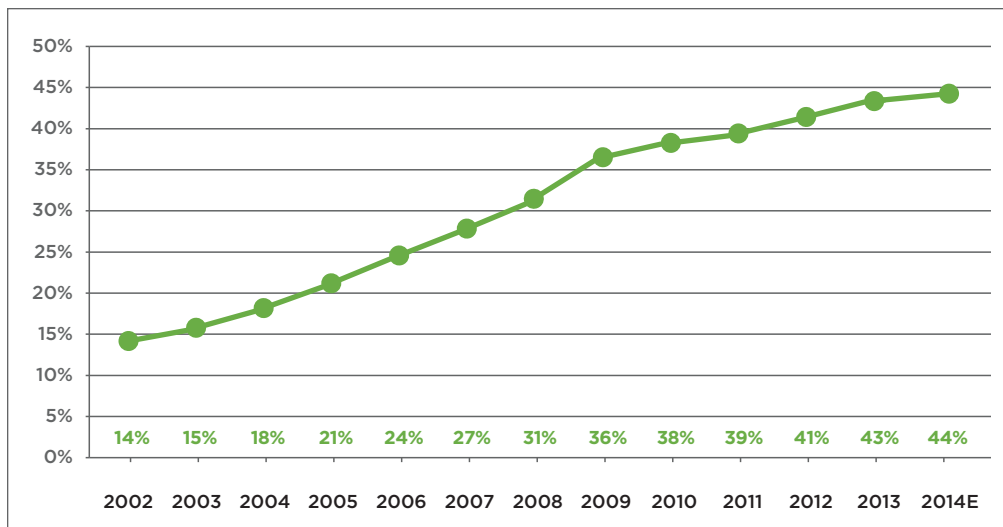
DC COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (DC CAS) PROFICIENCY
TREND OF CHARTER SCHOOL SECTOR (2007-2013)



Each DC public charter school has a unique curriculum and mission, and PCSB is focused on increasing not only choice in the city but school quality



DC CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK ENROLLMENT SHARE



AUTHORIZING NEW CHARTERS



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As the sole entity in DC with the power to open new public charter schools, PCSB is committed to creating an outstanding network of charter schools in Washington, DC.

PCSB conducts a rigorous evaluation process for each new charter application received. The process to decide which charter schools open is a joint effort between PCSB staff who analyze the applications and the voting Board members who decide which charter applicants to approve or deny.

EXPERIENCED OPERATORS

For the second time, PCSB approved Experienced Operator applications. These charter operators and charter management organizations already high-performing charter schools in other parts of the country.

APPROVED

In November 2013, PCSB Board voted to give conditional approval to two new operators. These schools will open in August 2014:

- Harmony School of Excellence DC
- Democracy Prep DC

WITHDREW APPLICATION

- Fredrick Drew Gregory Academy

NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

PCSB received eight applications in March 2014 from founding groups hoping to open new public charter schools. PCSB staff reviewed the applications for their academic, operations and business plans and held interviews with the applicants.

APPROVED

In May 2014, the Board voted to give conditional approval to three new charter schools. These schools will open in August 2015:

- Monument Academy
- Children's Guild
- Washington Global

These schools are undergoing a planning period to satisfy their pre-opening conditions in order to receive full charter approval.

BOARD DENIED FIVE NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

- Educare
- One World
- SPACE
- Washington Leadership Academy
- Xcelerate



OPENINGS & CLOSURES

SCHOOL OPENINGS

Four New Public Charter Schools
Opened in August 2013

- Community College Prep Academy PCS, Adult education program in Ward 8
- Ingenuity Prep PCS, a blended learning PK3 through kindergarten program in Ward 8
- Sela PCS, District's first Hebrew-English dual language immersion, PK4 through 1st grade in Ward 4
- Somerset Prep Academy PCS, College Preparatory Program, 6 through 8 grades in Ward 8

NEW CAMPUSES

Five existing charter schools expanded their school model, offering more quality options and choice for parents and students

- Achievement Prep Academy PCS – Elementary, grades kindergarten to 3 in Ward 8.
- Carlos Rosario International PCS, Sonia Gutierrez, Adult Education Program in Ward 5.
- DC Prep PCS – Benning Middle, grade 4 in Ward 7
- KIPP DC – Connect Academy PCS, PK3 and PK4 in Ward 5
- KIPP DC – Spring Academy PCS, Kindergarten in Ward 5

CHARTER

15-YEAR RENEWAL

- Meridian PCS
- Ideal PCS
- Perry Street Prep PCS, (Grades PK to 8)
- Roots PCS

15-YEAR NONRENEWAL

- Arts and Technical PCS
- Booker T. Washington PCS

TEN-YEAR REVIEW CONTINUANCES

- DC Bilingual PCS
- William E. Doar, Jr. PCS
- E.L. Haynes PCS
- Two Rivers PCS

FIVE-YEAR REVIEW CONTINUANCES

- National Collegiate PCS

CLOSURES

END OF 2014 SY

- Maya Angelou PCS (Middle School)
- Arts and Technology PCS (acquisition by KIPP DC PCS)
- Booker T. Washington PCS
- Imagine SE PCS (acquisition by Democracy Prep PCS)

END OF 2015 SY

- Perry Street Preparatory PCS (High School)
- Hospitality High PCS (DCPS to operate)

QUALITATIVE SITE REVIEWS

- Booker T. Washington PCS
- Hospitality High PCS
- Perry Street Prep PCS
- William E. Doar Jr. PCS
- KIPP DC – Promise Academy PCS
- Maya Angelou PCS
- Options PCS
- Center City PCS – Petworth
- DC Bilingual PCS
- Two Rivers PCS
- E.L. Haynes PCS – Georgia Avenue
- E.L. Haynes PCS – Kansas Avenue (Elementary School)
- E.L. Haynes PCS – Kansas Avenue (High School)
- National Collegiate PCS
- Meridian PCS
- Capital City PCS (Lower, Middle, Upper)
- Richard Wright PCS
- IDEA PCS
- Hope Community PCS – Lamond
- Potomac Lighthouse PCS
- Paul PCS
- Cedar Tree PCS
- Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS
- YouthBuild PCS
- Early Childhood Academy PCS
- Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS
- AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Southeast
- AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Southwest
- AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Lincoln Park
- AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Columbia Heights
- AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Oklahoma Avenue

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QUOTE FROM A MEMBER OF PCSB'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

"The Community Advisory Group has been a wonderful experience and opportunity for me to see what the real 'pulse' is in the community about all of our charter schools and our children's education. Working with 20 colleagues that live throughout the District of Columbia, we prioritize issues that are identified by our communities and we work together to find solutions to provide feedback and opinions to the DC Charter School Board. I am very grateful to the Public Charter School Board for seeing the vision and the need for such a dynamic group and process."

SELMA PATILLO-SIMMS,
WARD 1 RESIDENT



DC EDUCATION FESTIVAL

Marking its fifth anniversary, the 2014 Festival showcased Washington, DC's outstanding and varied education options for children in pre-kindergarten through high school and adult education/GED – and their families. Throughout the day, more than 3,000 students and families met with public charter, public, and private school professionals; they enjoyed youth arts and cultural performances; sampled cutting-edge technology; browsed the community market; and participated in group activities and workshops. For the first time charters partnered with DCPS to showcase schools from both sectors.



BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS DATA 2012-13

60	Schools
109	Campuses
35,019	Students
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83%	Black/African American
12%	Latino/Hispanic
3%	White
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72%	Low-Income
8%	English Language Learners
12%	Special Education
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23	Tier 1 Schools (High-Performing)
35	Tier 2 Schools (Mid-Performing)
6	Tier 3 Schools (Low-Performing)

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