



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:
Graduation Requirements – **Friendship PCS**
Open for Public Comment
Public Comment Accepted Until: May 17, 2021

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Friendship Public Charter School (Friendship PCS) to amend its charter to revise its graduation requirements. The school submitted its request on April 1, 2021.

Friendship PCS enrolls 4,519 students in grades PK3 through 12. The LEA operates 16 campuses across DC: one online program, six elementary campuses, seven middle school campuses, and two high school campuses. The school’s mission is to “provide a world-class education that motivates students to achieve high academic standards, enjoy learning, and develop as ethical, literate, well-rounded and self-sufficient citizens who contribute actively to their communities.”

Friendship PCS seeks to change its graduation requirements to allow participation in sports and extra-curricular athletic activities to meet the physical education (PE) requirements for high school graduation.

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter, which includes its graduation requirements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The vote will be on June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org for the location for these meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2021.¹ You may submit comments identified by “Friendship PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Graduation Requirements” by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpccb.org
 - b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
2. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org no later than noon on May 17, 2021
3. Submit voicemail testimony by phone: Call (202)-328-2660, select option 2. (You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. Please note that all comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.)

¹ DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Nada Mousa, Specialist, School Quality and Accountability, at nmousa@dcpcsb.org.