



Notice of Request to Amend Charter
Goals – **Creative Minds PCS**
Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until: May 20, 2024

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Creative Minds International Public Charter School (Creative Minds PCS) to amend its charter by modifying its goals and academic achievement expectations (charter goals). The school submitted its request on April 8, 2024.¹

Currently in its 12th year of operation, Creative Minds PCS educates 584 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 8 at a single campus located in Ward 5. The school’s mission is to “cultivate within all of our students the mindset, skills, creativity, and commitment to equity essential in becoming globally aware and independently minded citizens.”

Creative Minds PCS seeks to revise its ELA progress goal, remove its accreditation goal, and add business rules for all charter goals. If approved, the proposed changes will take effect beginning in school year (SY) 2024 – 25. The school’s current ELA progress and accreditation goals and its proposed revisions are provided in the chart below.

Current Goal	Proposed Goal
<p>Grades K – 2</p> <p>On a yearly basis, at least 75% of kindergarten through second grade students will either demonstrate one year of progress (instructional levels) between fall and spring administration of the Developmental Reading assessment as determined by the attached growth chart or score on grade level or higher (instructional level) on the Developmental Reading assessment. (K = Level 3; 1st grade = Level 16; 2nd grade = Level 28.)</p>	<p>Grades K – 8</p> <p>At least 70% of all students in grades K – 8 will achieve at or above the 40th percentile or meet/exceed their spring growth target in ELA based on NWEA MAP national norms by June of each year.</p>
<p>Creative Minds International PCS will start the accreditation process in its 3rd year of operation (school year 2014-15) with the goal of completing the accreditation process by the school’s sixth year of operation, school year 2017-18.</p>	<p><i>Remove goal; the school achieved its International Primary Curriculum accreditation in SY 2017 – 18.</i></p>

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on May 20, 2024 at 6 p.m. The vote will be on June 24, 2024 at 6 p.m. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the virtual meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2024.² You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “Creative Minds PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Goals” via:
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpccb.org
 - b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003
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 20, 2024.
3. Submit voicemail testimony by phone: Call 202-328-2660 and 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.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Starling Temp, a Specialist in the School Performance Department, at stemp@dcpccb.org.

² 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.