

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to provide comment on one application to establish a new public charter school in DC. NewU Early College Public Charter School, Inc. submitted its petition by the March 14, 2025 deadline.¹

The founding team proposes opening a dual enrollment program through a partnership with NewU University. The school plans to serve grades 11 and 12, enrolling 144 students at capacity. Its mission is “to empower students to achieve college and lifelong success by providing the shortest and most affordable pathway to a college degree in the nation.” Students would enroll in NewU courses to earn high school and college credits simultaneously. The school intends to co-locate with the university at 1440 16th Street NW in Ward 2.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on April 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. The vote will be on May 19, 2025 at 6 p.m. Please visit <https://dcpcsb.org/events> to register to attend the meeting.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS: To ensure your comment is processed and reviewed,² please use one of the methods below:

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing at <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>. Click on the “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting” tab to fill out the form. The deadline to sign up to testify is noon on April 28, 2025.
2. Submit a written comment identified via
 - a. Online form at <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>
 - b. Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Please note DC PCSB accepts written comments on or before 11:59 p.m. April 28, 2025.

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1801 et seq., an applicant seeking to establish a new public charter school in DC must file a petition for approval.

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.



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3. Submit audio 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.

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