



Notice of Charter Reviews – **Multiple Schools:**

AppleTree PCS

Bridges PCS

Early Childhood PCS

Howard University Middle PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until May 19, 2025

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the DC public charter schools listed below which are up for a charter review on May 19, 2025. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for schools up for review: 1) continue the school's charter without conditions, 2) conditionally continue the school's charter by imposing annual or interim targets or requirements it must meet, or 3) initiate charter revocation proceedings.

1. AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School (AppleTree PCS)

AppleTree PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates eight campuses in Wards 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8. It serves students in grades prekindergarten 3 (PK3) – prekindergarten 4 (PK4). Its mission is “to provide young children with the social, emotional and cognitive foundations that will enable them to succeed in school.”

2. Bridges Public Charter School (Bridges PCS)

Bridges PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5, where it serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 5. Its mission is “to provide an exemplary, individualized early childhood and elementary educational program that includes students with special needs. Our developmentally appropriate, family and child-centered educational approach will nurture students to expand their developmental skills, in order to build a foundation for life-long learning.”

3. Early Childhood Academy Public Charter School (Early Childhood PCS)

Early Childhood PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 8, where it serves students in grades PK3 – 3. The school's mission is “to foster the academic and social/emotional growth and development of each student in a safe and holistic learning environment that will equip all students with the knowledge and tools to become high achievers, proficient readers, and critical thinkers who will thrive for a lifetime as productive and caring citizens.”

4. Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science Public Charter School (Howard University Middle PCS)

Howard University Middle PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 1, where it serves students in grades 6 – 8. The school’s mission is “to provide a sound foundation in all academic subjects, with a concentration in mathematics and science; the intellectual, social and emotional growth of each student will be nurtured, while an appreciation for diversity and sensitivity of all individuals will be encouraged in an enriched educational environment that will prepare students to succeed in high school and beyond.”

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., DC PCSB is required to review each DC public charter school’s performance at least once every five years.

PUBLIC MEETING: DC PCSB will discuss and vote on AppleTree PCS, Bridges PCS, Early Childhood PCS, and Howard University Middle PCS on May 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpcsb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2025.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <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 May 19, 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.
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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Gina Lucchesi, a Manager in the School Performance Department, at glucchesi@dcpcsb.org.

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.