

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on its accountability system, currently identified as the Performance Management Framework (PMF). DC PCSB staff proposes calling the PMF the Annual School Performance Index Report and Evaluation (ASPIRE) System and establishing adjusted academic accountability components and business rules. The proposed ASPIRE Policy & Technical Guide describes the system’s accountability components and business rules.

DC PCSB staff designed the ASPIRE System to measure how well DC public charter schools serve students. ASPIRE has five frameworks: Pre-Kindergarten (PK)-Only, PK – 8, High School, Adult Education, and Alternative Accountability. Each framework assesses performance across three to four categories—School Progress, School Achievement, School Environment, and School-Specific Performance. In general, each category has grade- or program-conscious measures that are worth points. Public charter campuses accumulate measure points and earn an ASPIRE score.¹ These scores correspond to ASPIRE levels that describe school performance: Exemplary, Strong, Satisfactory, Weak, or Unsatisfactory.

To accompany the ASPIRE System, we released a White Paper, "**A New Way Forward on Charter School Academic Accountability.**" This paper aims to share DC PCSB's history of academic accountability, the rationale for revising our accountability system, and the major components of and research base behind ASPIRE. Read the paper [here](#).

PUBLIC MEETINGS: There will be two public hearings: March 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Please visit www.dcpccb.org/events to register.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before April 8, 2024.² You may submit comments identified by “ASPIRE Policy & Technical Guide – Notice of Petition to Adopt” by one of the following methods.

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <https://dcpccb.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 March 10, 2024 or noon on April 8, 2024.
2. Submit a written comment via:
 - a. Online form at <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>

¹ Schools evaluated under the Alternative Accountability Framework do not receive an ASPIRE score.

² DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse, or remove any or all of a submission that it may deem inappropriate for publication, such as obscenities.



Notice of Petition to Adopt
ASPIRE Policy & Technical Guide

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until April 8, 2024

- b. Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010.

Please note DC PCSB accepts written comments on or before 11:59 p.m. the day before the public meeting.

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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