



DC
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DC Public Charter School Board
Attendance and Truancy Report
SY 2015-16



Summary

At DC PCSB, we are committed to ensuring schools and students have the information and resources needed to provide students with a quality education to help them learn and thrive. Attendance is a vital component of academic growth and well-being of students. Pursuant to the reporting requirements outlined in DC Code § 38-203, we work with public charter LEAs to track student attendance to publish an annual report. The below report outlines disciplinary trends including suspensions, expulsions and truancy in the previous school year's data.

During SY 2015-16, public charter schools saw suspensions and expulsions decrease and in-seat attendance increase. Out of school suspensions dropped to 9.1%, down from 10.9%. This marks the fifth consecutive year of a positive trend on these measures. The truancy rate rose from 18.6% to 19.8% during the last school year due to a change in business rules. Applying the old business rules, the truancy rate would have slightly decreased from 14.7% to 14.5%. Under the old business rules, truancy numbers did not exclude students younger than 5 (as of Sept 30) or 18 years+. Under the new rules, students not of compulsory age are omitted from the sector wide denominator.

We're committed in working with schools to ensure a reduction in the truancy rate. Our analysis shows there is a strong correlation between in-seat attendance and academic achievement. We believe it is imperative students attend school to unlock their full potential. Moving forward, we will continue to work with the Office of the State Superintendent and LEAs to refine and to enhance our best practices around discipline and truancy data.

For full details on discipline and attendance during SY 2015-16, see the remainder of this report.

2015-16 DC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND ATTENDANCE BRIEFING



September 27, 2016

Key Takeaways: School Year 2015-16

DC PCSB's goal is to encourage public charter schools to create and implement effective discipline policies, and increase students' time in school.

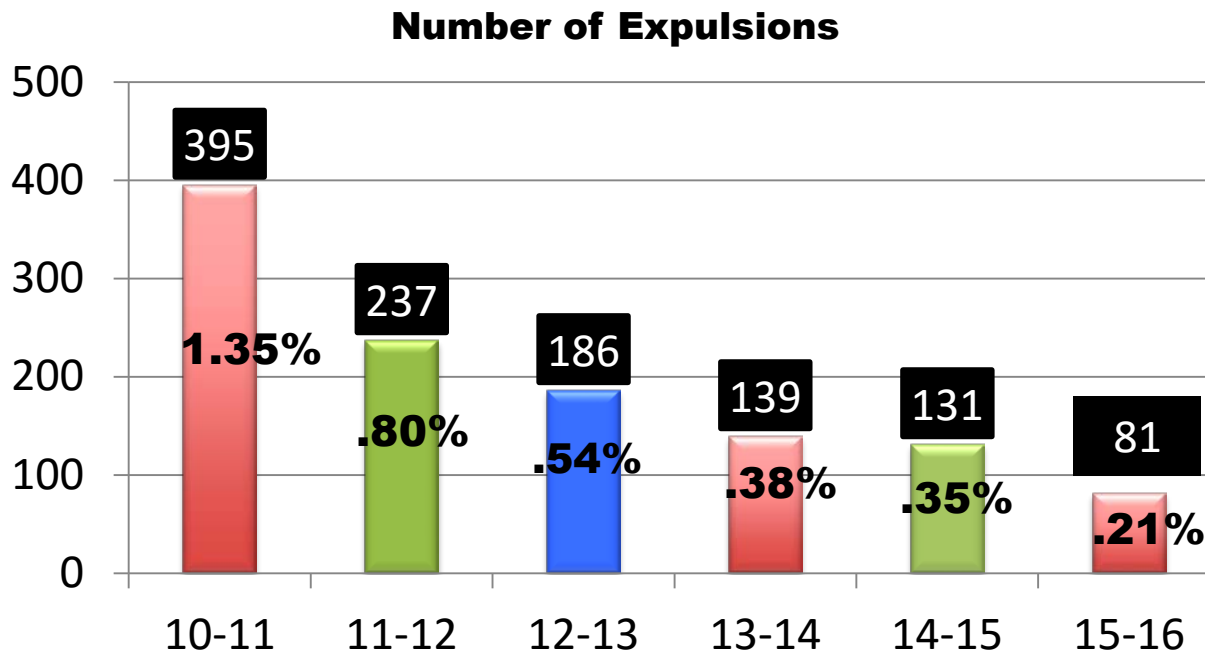
- **Expulsions:** ↓ from **131** to **81***
- **Suspensions:** ↓ from **10.9%** to **9.1%***
- **In Seat Attendance:** ↑ from **92.0%** to **92.2%**
- **Truancy:** ↑ from **18.6%** to **19.8%****

**2015-16 discipline rates use Equity Report business rules, which reflect incidents of students in the enrollment audit.*

***The truancy rate business rules changed in 2015-16. Using the old business rules, the truancy rate dropped from 14.7% to 14.5%.*



Expulsion Rates Over Time (PK—Adult)



Expulsion rate cut in half and within national norms



Expulsions: Most Improved

School	Ward	2014-15 Rate*	2015-16 Rate*
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	8	5.0	1.8
KIPP DC College Prep PCS	5	2.9	0.8
Youthbuild PCS	1	3.6	1.7
KIPP DC Will Academy PCS	6	2.3	0.7
Youthbuild PCS	1	3.6	1.7
Sela Pcs	4	1.2	0.0

- **85** campuses did not expel a student in SY 2015-16 vs. **75** campuses in SY 2014-15

**Based on Equity Report business rules*



Expulsion: Highest Rates

School	Ward	2014-15 Rate*	2015-16 Rate*
Center City PCS - Trinidad	5	0.4	3.3
IDEA PCS	7	1.8	2.9
National Collegiate Prep PCS	8	2.0	2.5
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	8	5.0	1.8
Youthbuild PCS	1	3.6	1.7
Seed PCS Of Washington, DC	7	1.8	1.7
Paul PCS - International High School	4	0.3	1.6

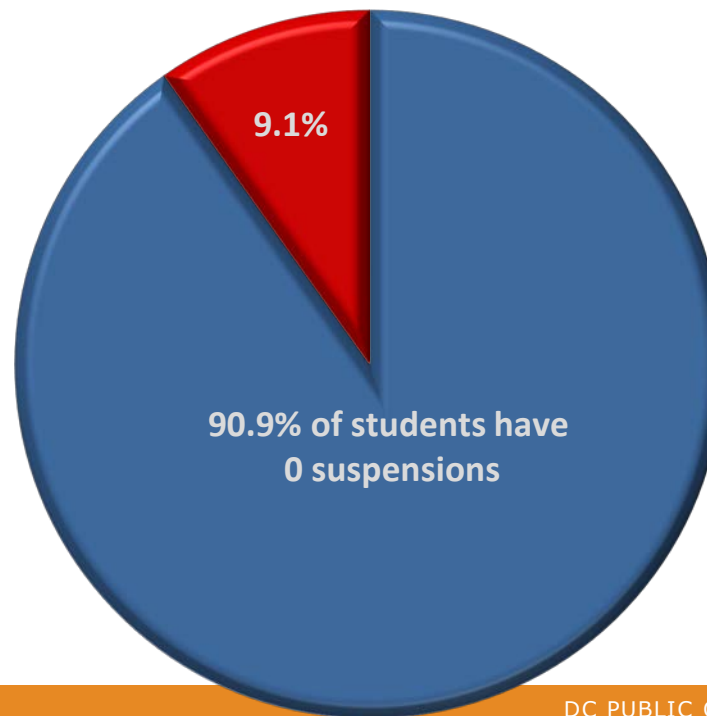
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Out of School Suspensions (OSS)

Percentage of students with at least one OSS

SY 2015-16 Charter Sector Average : 9.1%*
(down from **10.9%** in SY 2014-15)



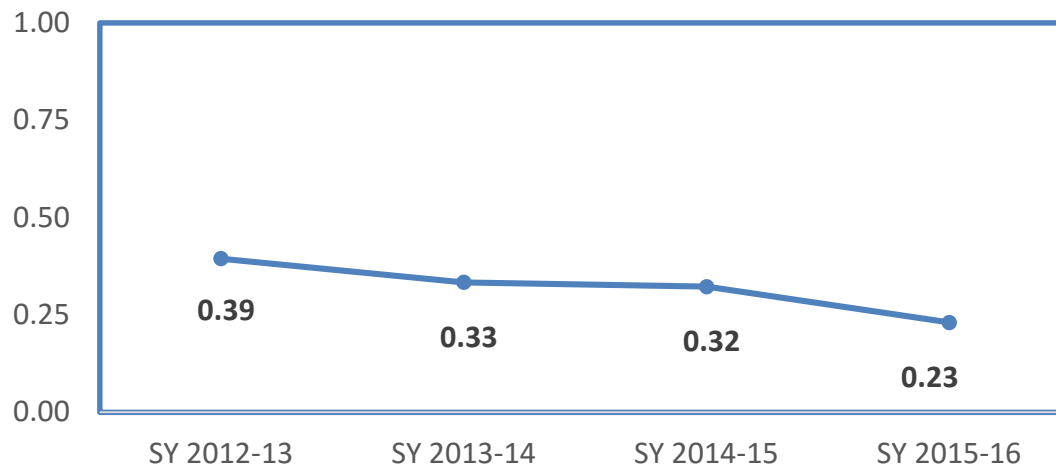
Out of School Suspensions: Decreased rates

Notable improvements	Ward	# of students
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	8	From 106 to 42 (29% drop)
DC Prep PCS - Benning Middle	7	From 71 to 63 (18% drop)
Perry Street Prep PCS	5	From 163 to 33 (16% drop)
Democracy Prep PCS - Congress Heights	8	From 221 to 136 (14% drop)



Lost Instruction Time Due to Suspension

Lost Instruction Time Rate Due to Out of School Suspension



SY 2014-2015	SY 2015-2016
21078 days lost to suspension	15098 days lost to suspension
6529280 enrolled days till 7/9	6550616 enrolled days



Long Term Suspensions (11+ days): Highest Rates

	Ward	% of students	# of students
KIPP DC College Prep Academy PCS	5	3.8%	19
Paul PCS - International High School	4	1.6%	7
Maya Angelou PCS High School	7	1.3%	3
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	8	1.1	3
KIPP DC AIM Academy PCS	8	0.9	3



Our Role in Addressing Discipline

- DC PCSB assess discipline policies when new applicant groups apply for a charter
- When schools are up for charter review, we work with the schools on revising charter goals, including goals around discipline
- Schools' discipline policies are posted on DC PCSB's website in each school's Student Handbook. All must have the following:
 - Clear explanation of infractions, consequences and due process
 - Explanation of disciplinary steps for students with disabilities
- We analyze discipline data monthly to look for trends, and alerts schools when they are an outlier with their rate of disciplinary incidences.

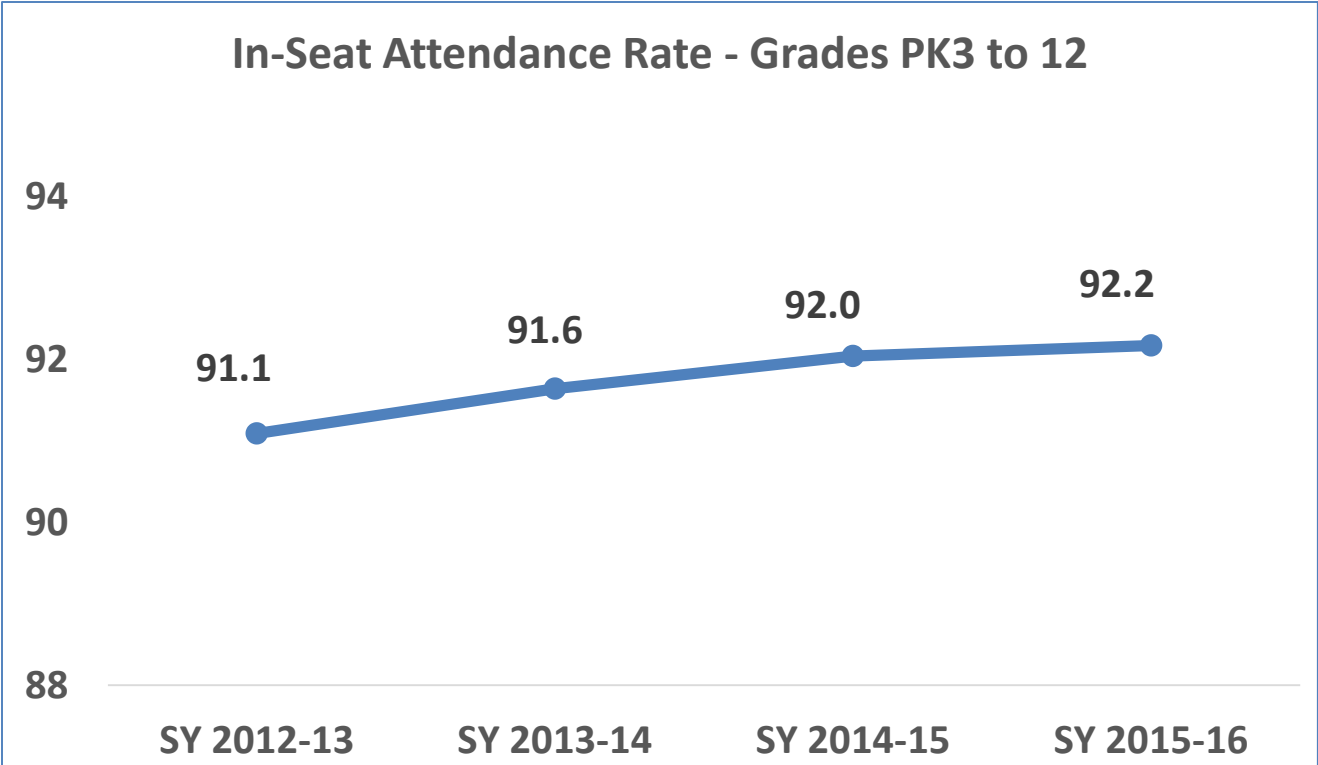


In-Seat Attendance: Days Present & Enrolled

Top Schools - Highest Rates SY 2015-16	Rate
Friendship PCS - Online	99.9
Center City PCS - Brightwood	97.8
Washington Latin PCS - Middle School	96.8
Washington Yu Ying PCS	96.2
BASIS DC PCS	96.1
Hope Community PCS - Tolson	95.6
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS	95.5
SEED Public Charter School of Washington, DC	95.4
DC Prep PCS - Edgewood Middle	95.2



Attendance Rates Over Time



In-Seat Attendance: Most & Least Improved

Most Improved (% change SY14-15 to SY15-16)

Howard University Math & Science PCS	+5.4%
SEED Public Charter School of Washington, DC	+5.1%
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Parkside High School	+4.9%

Least Improved (% change SY14-15 to SY15-16)

KIPP DC WILL Academy PCS	-4.8%
Eagle Academy PCS – Congress Heights	-3.9%
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Southeast	-2.9%

Lowest In-Seat Rate SY 2015-16

Maya Angelou PCS – High School	69.6%
Kingsman Academy PCS	70.0%
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Southeast	84.7%
National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter High School	85.4%
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Oklahoma Avenue	85.7%
Monument Academy PCS	86.6%



Truancy: Students ages 5-17 with 10+ unexcused absences

SY 2015-16 Charter Sector Average : **19.8%***
(up from **18.6%*** in SY 2014-2015)

- The DC PCSB Truancy Policy seeks to reduce absenteeism by encouraging schools to focus on strategies to improve attendance.
- **1** school received a Notice of Concern in SY 2015-16.
- The Policy compels schools and PCSB staff to track improvement in attendance at the school and student level.

**The truancy rate business rules changed in 2015-16. Using the old business rules, the truancy rate dropped from 14.7% to 14.5%.*



Truancy: Highest Rates

School Name	Truancy Rate	15-16 ISA
Maya Angelou PCS - High School	68%	70%
KIPP DC - Discover Academy PCS	58%	92%
Democracy Prep Congress Heights PCS	57%	88%
Ingenuity Prep PCS	43%	89%
Excel Academy PCS	42%	90%
Friendship PCS - Tech Prep Academy HS	39%	91%
Early Childhood Academy PCS	38%	93%
KIPP DC College Preparatory PCS	37%	92%
KIPP DC Quest Academy PCS	36%	92%
KIPP DC Grow Academy PCS	36%	92%



Our Role in Improving Attendance & Discipline

- For SY 2016-17, DC PCSB will continue to work with OSSE and charter LEAs to streamline the process for collecting and reporting truancy and discipline data.
- Through **transparency**, we encourage schools to adopt and improve on best practices which increase instructional time.



DC PCSB SY 2015-2016 Truancy Report
Appendix A

School Characteristics				Attendance Rate	# of K-12 Students by Days of Unexcused Absences										
School Name	Campus Ward	Grades Served	KG - 12 Audited Enrollment	In-Seat Attendance Rate (PK3 to 12th Grade)	# with 0 days	% with 0 days	# with 1-5 days	% with 1-5 days	# with 6-10 days	% with 6-10 days	# with 11-20 days	% with 11-20 days	# with 21+ days	% with 21+ days	
CHARTER SECTOR AVERAGE				28436	92.1%	4790	17%	12832	45%	7036	25%	4678	16%	1297	5%
Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School	5, 8	Adult	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Achievement Prep Academy PCS - Elementary	8	KG -- 3	273	91.0	10	4%	105	38%	99	36%	57	21%	7	3%	
Achievement Prep Academy PCS - Middle	8	4 -- 8	383	93.5	22	6%	179	47%	117	31%	62	16%	7	2%	
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Columbia Heights	1	PK3 -- PK4	0	89.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Lincoln Park	6	PK3 -- PK4	0	91.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Oklahoma Avenue	7	PK3 -- PK4	0	85.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Appletree Early Learning PCS - Southeast	8	PK3 -- PK4	0	84.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Southwest	6	PK3 -- PK4	0	87.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
BASIS DC PCS	2	5 -- 11	599	96.1	277	46%	262	44%	43	7%	18	3%	3	1%	
Bridges PCS	4	PK3 -- 3	201	91.4	14	7%	97	48%	45	22%	39	19%	14	7%	
Briya PCS	1, 4	PK3 -- PK4, Adult	0	85.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Capital City PCS - High School	4	9 -- 12	333	89.0	9	3%	118	35%	93	28%	74	22%	39	12%	
Capital City PCS - Lower School	4	PK3 -- 4	248	92.9	40	16%	119	48%	53	21%	51	21%	7	3%	
Capital City PCS - Middle School	4	5 -- 8	324	92.7	60	19%	162	50%	63	19%	35	11%	4	1%	
Carlos Rosario International PCS	1, 5	Adult	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Cedar Tree PCS	8	PK3 -- KG	112	92.0	17	15%	78	70%	19	17%	3	3%	0	0%	
Center City PCS - Brightwood	4	PK4 -- 8	227	97.8	114	50%	113	50%	10	4%	2	1%	0	0%	
Center City PCS - Capitol Hill	6	PK4 -- 8	219	90.5	12	5%	130	59%	58	26%	29	13%	3	1%	
Center City PCS - Congress Heights	8	PK4 -- 8	220	92.9	14	6%	78	35%	80	36%	62	28%	4	2%	
Center City PCS - Petworth	4	PK4 -- 8	231	94.6	58	25%	120	52%	49	21%	13	6%	1	0%	
Center City PCS - Shaw	6	PK4 -- 8	217	93.5	30	14%	122	56%	55	25%	19	9%	1	0%	
Center City PCS - Trinidad	5	PK4 -- 8	191	90.3	14	7%	100	52%	51	27%	31	16%	5	3%	
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Capitol Hill	6	9 -- 12	387	90.3	43	11%	160	41%	145	37%	44	11%	33	9%	
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Chávez Prep	1	6 -- 9	357	92.5	46	13%	192	54%	85	24%	33	9%	12	3%	
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Parkside High School	7	9 -- 12	374	90.1	29	8%	205	55%	80	21%	47	13%	28	7%	
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Parkside Middle School	7	6 -- 8	302	91.7	94	31%	192	64%	18	6%	3	1%	6	2%	
Community College Preparatory Academy PCS	8	Adult	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Creative Minds International PCS	5	PK3 -- 5	152	94.4	57	38%	92	61%	15	10%	5	3%	0	0%	
DC Bilingual PCS	5	PK3 -- 6	306	94.5	33	11%	142	46%	75	25%	65	21%	14	5%	
DC Prep PCS - Anacostia Elementary	8	PK3 -- PK4	0	89.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
DC Prep PCS - Benning Elementary	7	PK3 -- 3	294	93.1	35	12%	113	38%	81	28%	86	29%	15	5%	
DC Prep PCS - Benning Middle	7	4 -- 6	223	92.5	28	13%	110	49%	49	22%	35	16%	3	1%	
DC Prep PCS - Edgewood Elementary	5	PK3 -- 3	290	94.8	66	23%	152	52%	59	20%	54	19%	3	1%	
DC Prep PCS - Edgewood Middle	5	4 -- 8	310	95.2	42	14%	153	49%	76	25%	40	13%	4	1%	
DC Scholars PCS	7	PK3 -- 6	311	94.0	38	12%	154	50%	88	28%	73	23%	6	2%	
Democracy Prep Congress Heights Public Charter School	8	PK3 -- 6	517	88.3	22	4%	109	21%	122	24%	226	44%	89	17%	
District of Columbia International School	1	6 -- 8	404	94.1	168	42%	205	51%	27	7%	8	2%	1	0%	
E.L. Haynes PCS - Georgia Avenue	1	5 -- 8	373	93.4	53	14%	168	45%	103	28%	47	13%	15	4%	
E.L. Haynes PCS - Kansas Avenue (ES)	4	PK3 -- 4	245	94.8	34	14%	136	56%	59	24%	40	16%	6	2%	
E.L. Haynes PCS - Kansas Avenue (HS)	4	9 -- 12	435	90.8	18	4%	167	38%	129	30%	92	21%	46	11%	
Eagle Academy PCS - Eagle Center at McGogney	8	PK3 -- 3	462	88.8	39	8%	221	48%	137	30%	125	27%	35	8%	
Eagle Academy PCS - New Jersey Avenue	6	PK3 -- 3	79	91.4	6	8%	27	34%	27	34%	33	42%	5	6%	
Early Childhood Academy PCS	8	PK3 -- 3	175	93.3	13	7%	72	41%	41	23%	68	39%	16	9%	
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS	5	PK3 -- 5	275	95.5	128	47%	150	55%	6	2%	15	5%	1	0%	
Excel Academy PCS	8	PK3 -- 7	551	90.3	28	5%	184	33%	154	28%	137	25%	75	14%	
Friendship PCS - Armstrong	5	PK3 -- 5	299	92.4	67	22%	135	45%	78	26%	55	18%	9	3%	
Friendship PCS - Blow-Pierce Elementary	7	PK3 -- 3	278	92.1	56	20%	108	39%	78	28%	83	30%	17	6%	
Friendship PCS - Blow-Pierce Middle	7	4 -- 8	187	93.1	28	15%	67	36%	61	33%	35	19%	2	1%	
Friendship PCS - Chamberlain Elementary	6	PK3 -- 3	277	94.2	92	33%	151	55%	49	18%	20	7%	0	0%	

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Friendship PCS - Chamberlain Middle	6	4 -- 8	334	95.1	91	27%	167	50%	53	16%	25	7%	1	0%
Friendship PCS - Collegiate Academy	7	9 -- 12	810	91.9	267	33%	294	36%	140	17%	97	12%	28	3%
Friendship PCS - Online	none	K -- 8	132	99.9	138	105%	7	5%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%
Friendship PCS - Southeast Elementary Academy	8	PK3 -- 5	408	92.9	64	16%	212	52%	109	27%	84	21%	9	2%
Friendship PCS - Technology Preparatory Academy HS	8	9 -- 12	235	90.9	5	2%	65	28%	82	35%	51	22%	31	13%
Friendship PCS - Technology Preparatory Academy MS	8	6 -- 8	308	92.5	46	15%	126	41%	76	25%	51	17%	16	5%
Friendship PCS - Woodridge Elementary	5	PK3 -- 3	185	93.6	20	11%	80	43%	67	36%	50	27%	7	4%
Friendship PCS - Woodridge Middle	5	4 -- 8	179	94.5	15	8%	92	51%	47	26%	22	12%	8	4%
Harmony DC PCS - School of Excellence	5	KG -- 6	105	92.0	11	10%	51	49%	30	29%	12	11%	4	4%
Hope Community PCS - Lamond	4	PK3 -- 5	197	94.5	35	18%	109	55%	49	25%	41	21%	1	1%
Hope Community PCS - Tolson	5	PK3 -- 8	394	95.6	191	48%	240	61%	13	3%	0	0%	0	0%
Howard University Math & Science PCS	1	6 -- 8	266	91.1	10	4%	103	39%	77	29%	60	23%	20	8%
Ideal Academy PCS	4	PK3 -- 8	211	92.4	31	15%	120	57%	50	24%	33	16%	10	5%
Ingenuity Prep PCS	8	PK3 -- 2	186	89.2	19	10%	59	32%	46	25%	63	34%	32	17%
Inspired Teaching Demonstration PCS	5	PK3 -- 6	279	94.8	55	20%	178	64%	48	17%	21	8%	2	1%
Integrated Design and Electronics Academy PCS	7	9 -- 12	281	90.1	19	7%	127	45%	106	38%	23	8%	12	4%
Kingsman Academy PCS	6	6 -- 12	254	70.1	19	7%	37	15%	44	17%	89	35%	97	38%
KIPP DC - AIM Academy PCS	8	5 -- 8	350	92.0	17	5%	129	37%	126	36%	87	25%	16	5%
KIPP DC - Arts & Technology Academy PCS	7	PK3 -- K	80	91.3	6	8%	28	35%	33	41%	54	68%	4	5%
KIPP DC - College Preparatory PCS	8	9 -- 12	505	91.7	62	12%	182	36%	160	32%	134	27%	44	9%
KIPP DC - Connect Academy PCS	5	PK3 -- KG	102	92.4	19	19%	47	46%	31	30%	65	64%	2	2%
KIPP DC - Discover Academy PCS	8	PK3 -- KG	120	92.1	10	8%	27	23%	35	29%	117	98%	9	8%
KIPP DC - Grow Academy PCS	6	PK3 -- KG	104	91.8	16	15%	43	41%	30	29%	83	80%	8	8%
KIPP DC - Heights Academy PCS	8	1 -- 4	434	93.2	18	4%	209	48%	160	37%	48	11%	15	3%
KIPP DC - KEY Academy PCS	7	5 -- 8	341	93.8	24	7%	164	48%	125	37%	56	16%	3	1%
KIPP DC - LEAD Academy PCS	6	1 -- 4	421	94.0	22	5%	180	43%	151	36%	74	18%	14	3%
KIPP DC - LEAP Academy PCS	7	PK3 -- PK4	0	91.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
KIPP DC - Northeast Academy PCS	5	5 -- 7	238	93.2	19	8%	106	45%	96	40%	37	16%	11	5%
KIPP DC - Promise Academy PCS	7	K -- 4	515	93.2	31	6%	226	44%	154	30%	115	22%	20	4%
KIPP DC - Quest Academy PCS	7	1 -- 4	324	92.1	5	2%	121	37%	111	34%	84	26%	23	7%
KIPP DC - Spring Academy PCS	5	1 -- 2	216	92.7	6	3%	69	32%	91	42%	54	25%	7	3%
KIPP DC - WILL Academy PCS	6	5 -- 8	303	92.5	21	7%	137	45%	115	38%	42	14%	15	5%
KIPP DC Valor Academy PCS	7	5 -- 6	120	92.8	8	7%	48	40%	55	46%	24	20%	0	0%
Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS	4, 5	PK3 -- 5	257	93.5	11	4%	146	57%	77	30%	33	13%	2	1%
LAYC Career Academy PCS	1	Adult	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lee Montessori Public Charter School	5	PK3 -- 2	33	92.2	1	3%	23	70%	4	12%	5	15%	1	3%
Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy PCS	5	PK3 -- 8	311	91.1	23	7%	126	41%	100	32%	109	35%	10	3%
Maya Angelou PCS - High School	7	9 -- 12	225	69.5	0	0%	24	11%	51	23%	61	27%	120	53%
Maya Angelou PCS - Young Adult Learning Center	7	Adult	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Meridian PCS	1	PK3 -- 8	549	90.8	68	12%	207	38%	165	30%	170	31%	40	7%
Monument Academy PCS	6	5 -- 5	40	86.2	17	43%	14	35%	11	28%	5	13%	0	0%
Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS	5	PK3 -- 4	405	93.9	41	10%	232	57%	123	30%	34	8%	5	1%
National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter High School	8	9 -- 12	280	85.2	20	7%	147	53%	99	35%	8	3%	16	6%
Paul International PCS	4	9 -- 12	444	90.9	18	4%	142	32%	105	24%	29	7%	2	0%
Paul PCS	4	6 -- 8	232	91.9	20	9%	93	40%	45	19%	4	2%	0	0%
Perry Street Preparatory PCS	5	PK3 -- 8	240	90.9	26	11%	117	49%	107	45%	20	8%	2	1%
Potomac Lighthouse PCS	5	PK3 -- 8	331	92.7	155	47%	182	55%	26	8%	8	2%	0	0%
Richard Wright PCS for Journalism and Media Arts	6	8 -- 12	284	89.1	48	17%	142	50%	63	22%	26	9%	16	6%
Roots PCS	4	PK3 -- 5	73	92.7	88	116%	12	16%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C.	7	6 -- 12	352	92.7	57	16%	202	57%	65	18%	25	7%	7	2%

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Referrals to CFSA

Child and Family Services (CFSA)		
# Reported to CFSA	# of truant students <=13	Compliance Rate
1,396	3,586	39%