



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Year 2020-2021



## Parental Right to Know Guide

### **Notice of Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation.**

Parents have the right to know that District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is committed to ensuring that all employees act in conformity with federal and District of Columbia [non-discrimination](#) laws. For information regarding discrimination, harassment, or retaliation please contact [dcps.grievance@dc.gov](mailto:dcps.grievance@dc.gov) or [OCR@ed.gov](mailto:OCR@ed.gov). The Office of Labor Management & Employee Relations (LMER) for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may be reached at (202) 442-5424.

### **Teachers and Paraprofessionals.**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all teachers and paraprofessionals to meet applicable requirements to obtain a license or certification from the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education. The ESSA further allows parents to [request information](#) about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, DCPS must provide this information to parents in a timely manner.

### **Student Achievement (PARCC Data).**

Parents have the right to know that PARCC results can be obtained from the District of Columbia Public Schools [website](#).

### **Student Records.**

DCPS must notify parents and adult students of their rights under [FERPA](#), and that DCPS does this annually through the release of those documents in the enrollment packet.

### **Unsafe School Choice Option.**

You have the right to be notified if your child is the victim of a violent crime at school. In addition, you have the right to request a transfer for your child if he or she is the victim of a violent crime at school. For more information, contact the [Office of Integrity](#) (202) 939-4913.

### **English Learners (ELs).**

Parents have the right to know 1) their child's English Proficiency Level (PL), 2) if DCPS meets annual measurable objectives, and 3) how they can be involved in their student's education. For more information, contact the Office of Teaching and Learning, Language Acquisition Division at (202) 671-0750.

### **Notice of Educational Rights for Homeless Children.**

Parents have the right to school choice and comparable services – to include transportation, educational services, and meals, for homeless students. For more information, contact the office of School Improvements and Supports at (202) 576-9502.

### **Title I Programs.**

You have the right to be informed about Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Title I programs. Please find the complete list of all Title I Schools [here](#). For more information, contact the Monitoring and Program Support team at (202) 442-6025.

### **Parent and Family Engagement.**

Parents have the right to help develop schools School-Parent Compacts (parent and family engagement policy) for improved student academic achievement. For more information, contact the [Office of Communications and Engagement](#) at (202) 719-6613.

### **Complaint Resolution.**

Parents have the right to have complaints resolved within 60 business days. For more information, contact the [Office of Integrity](#) (202) 939-4913. Parents may also contact the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) to file an official complaint. The complaint procedures for OSSE can be found [here](#) or by contacting (202) 741-6404.