



# DCPS Partnerships

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## DCPS Partnerships Newsletter

*April 2026*

### Dear DC Public Schools (DCPS) Partners,

Happy spring! As the days get warmer, our team is looking forward to an exciting season of partner programming and engagement. In this month's newsletter, you will find helpful updates to support your planning for the months ahead:

- Summer 2026 building use reminders
- Partnerships Team staffing update (good news only!)
- Save-the-Date: Partner Appreciation Week
- DCPS summer learning opportunities
- Summer program scholarship details
- Save-the-Date: Out-of-School Time Conference

Thank you as always for your continued partnership!

Best,

Abby Cohen

Director, Partnerships

DCPS Partnerships Team

### Important Dates

- **April 13-17:** DCPS Spring Break (schools closed)
- **April 16:** DC Emancipation Day (DCPS Closed)
- **April 24:** Summer BUA deadline
- **May 18-22:** Partner Appreciation Week
- **June 18:** Last day of school

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# Reminder: April 24 Deadline for Summer Building Use Agreement Applications

All School Program Providers, DC government agencies, and external organizations seeking to independently operate summer programming in a DCPS school must follow the process outlined [here](#).

As a reminder:

**To use a DCPS school, you must submit a [DCPS Application to Use Facilities](#), signed by the principal, to the Department of General Services (DGS) Realty Office for processing by **FRIDAY, APRIL 24**.**

- Summer 2026 Applications to Use Facilities for a DCPS school will not be accepted after **April 24, 2026**.
- Programs operating in DCPS schools over the summer **must run between June 22, 2026, and July 31, 2026**. All DCPS schools will be closed for programming on **Friday, July 3** in observance of Independence Day.
- To help plan your DCPS school search, visit [dcps.dc.gov/node/1648701](https://dcps.dc.gov/node/1648701) for a list of offline and DCPS-run summer program sites for Summer 2026.
- Providers interested in partnering with DCPS to offer afternoon enrichment programming as part of DCPS' elementary and middle school summer programming can reach out to [extendedlearningteam@k12.dc.gov](mailto:extendedlearningteam@k12.dc.gov) for more information. Please note that DCPS will not provide any additional funding for afternoon programming.

DCPS Summer Building Use Information Session

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## DCPS Partnerships Team Hiring for Partnerships Coordinator

Help us spread the word! The DCPS Partnerships team is hiring for a [Coordinator, Partnerships](#). This individual will play a key role in supporting the team's day-to-day partnerships and donations operations.

Please share this opportunity with your network so we can find the right person for this exciting role!

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## Save the Date: Partner Appreciation Week

Mark your calendars for our fifth annual **DCPS Partner Appreciation Week, May 18-22!** Help us celebrate that week by sharing photos and stories on your social media accounts. Be sure to tag [@DCPublicSchools](#) (on X and Instagram) and use our hashtag [#DCPSPartners](#).

We look forward to celebrating our partners and the many contributions you make to our DCPS community!

# Share with your DCPS Families: DCPS Summer Learning Opportunities

Every summer, DCPS provides *free* summer learning and enrichment opportunities for students across all grade levels. Programs are available at no cost, and all students receive breakfast and lunch.

Summer learning is available only for current DCPS students (School Year 2025-2026) and will run from late June through late July.

For more details on Summer 2026 offerings, visit: [www.dcpsstrong.com/summer](http://www.dcpsstrong.com/summer).

If you have any questions about DCPS summer learning opportunities, please reach out to [extendedlearningteam@k12.dc.gov](mailto:extendedlearningteam@k12.dc.gov).

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## Summer Scholarship Applications Are Open and Accepting Applications

In partnership with the Greater Washington Community Foundation, the Deputy Mayor for Education's OST Office provides scholarship funding to help students and their families access fee-based programs they need to strengthen their education, health, and well-being beyond the school day. Applications opened on **Monday, March 16, 2026**, and are being accepted on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted online. Learn more and apply [here](#).

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## Save the Date: Out-of-School Time (OST) Conference

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and the Deputy Mayor for Education's OST Office (Learn24) are teaming up to host the inaugural OST Showcase & Conference. This event will bring together OST providers, educators, community partners, and youth leaders from across the District to celebrate and elevate the incredible work happening in out-of-school time. Over two days, attendees will engage in workshops, program demonstrations, and collaborative sessions.

The OST Conference will take place **June 22-23, 2026**. Please save the date and share with your staff and colleagues who might be interested in joining.

## OST Conference and Showcase: **Illuminate. Evaluate. Elevate.**

*Advancing high-quality out-of-school time (OST) programs for the District's youth.*

Join OST providers, youth development professionals, and community partners from across the District for two days of **learning, collaboration, and innovation.**



**June 22 - June 23, 2026**  
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM



District of Columbia Department of  
Human Resources (DCHR) Career and  
Learning Center  
1015 Half Street, SE,  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20003

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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