



DCPS Partnerships

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DCPS Partnerships Newsletter

August 2025

Dear DC Public Schools (DCPS) Partners,

We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to School Year 2025-2026 (SY 25-26). We are so excited to start the new year with you by our side supporting student success. In this month's newsletter, please find the following key features:

- SY 25-26 reminders
- Upcoming DCPS events
- Trainings and resources

Thanks to you for the many ways you will support our students this fall!

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Upcoming Dates

- **August 25:** First day of school (K-12)
- **August 28:** First day of school (Pre-K)
- **September 1:** Labor Day (DCPS Closed)

Make Sure You Are Back-to-School Ready!

As we gear up for SY 25-26, please make sure you have completed all the outlined School Program Provider (SPP) requirements. **These actions must be completed before programming can begin.**



DCPS School Year Readiness Checklist for School Program Providers*

What do I need to do to work with a DCPS school?

- Confirm your registration with DCPS. This lets us know you are still interested in working with DCPS this year.
- Confirm you have a valid DCPS Memorandum of Agreement or purchase order in place.
- Ensure all staff and volunteers are cleared by DCPS before they begin services.
- Have a fully executed Building Use Agreement with the Department of General Services for each program site if operating outside of regular school hours.
- Have a fully executed Donation Agreement if you are providing free programming.

Questions? Visit dcpshpartnerships.com

*School Program Providers are external organizations that work with DCPS students 3+ times/year and are not health or mental health programs.



If you missed our Summer Policy Palooza trainings, be sure to watch the recordings and review the PowerPoint decks. The training includes important reminders about incident reporting protocols, the accommodation request process, and hosting events at DCPS.

Reminder: Reconfirm Your DCPS Partnership by August 31

All active DCPS partners are required to reconfirm their School Program Provider (SPP) registration annually. This process ensures that SPP profiles are up-to-date and that partners have reviewed and committed to DCPS policies and procedures for the upcoming school year.

Schools and teams across Central Services rely on this information to understand the landscape of partnerships across DCPS, so we thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important update.

Please note, this process is only required for organizations providing programming to students three or more times per year. For instructions and support with the update, please review [this guidance document](#).

As always, please reach out to DCPS.Partnerships@k12.dc.gov with any questions.

Join Us! DCPS Back to School Block Party (September 13)

Please join us on Saturday, September 13, at Jackson-Reed High School for the DCPS Back to School Block Party. There will be free food and fun activities for all ages, including face painting and student performances. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/DCPSBlockParty2025>.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

**food • give-aways • student performances
resources • health screenings • and more!**

Saturday, September 13 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Jackson-Reed High School
3950 Chesapeake Street NW



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Training: Ensuring Student Safety: Best Practices in Student Supervision (August 25, 1:00 p.m.)

In this asynchronous learning module, the DCPS Office of Early Childhood Education (ECE) provides an overview of best practices, such as name-to-face lists and transition protocols that are standard practice across DCPS schools. While these practices originated in our pre-kindergarten program, many schools are expanding the use of these strategies to all grades.

Partners who register for the session will receive a link to the training module. Partners should complete the module before joining the live Q&A session on August 25.

[Register Here](#)

Training: Building Students' Sense of Belonging Using DCPS' 5 Power Practices

Earlier this month the DCPS Partnerships Team hosted Shelley Anderson (DCPS' Director of Supportive Learning Environments) for a virtual training on the 5 Power Practices—a district-wide initiative to increase students' sense of belonging. The training included concrete strategies that align with school-day practices to help ensure consistency between what students experience inside and outside of the classroom. You can view the recording and slide deck [here](#).

Back to School Event: Fight for Children Youth Sports Day (August 23)

Youth Sports Day is a FREE, fun-filled community event! Enjoy sports-based youth development programs, games and prizes, DJ music, special guests, food trucks, and fun for the whole family. [Register now](#) to secure your spot!



YOUTH SPORTS DAY

AUGUST 23, 2025

THE FIELDS AT RFK

10AM - 2PM



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