

DC SCHOOL INFO

The Nation's Capital is full of educational options. Knowing what these options are and how to take advantage of them is the key to a successful transition to Washington DC. There are options to homeschool, attend private school and attend DC public schools (DCPS) and DC public charter schools (DCPCS). The information you'll find below will help you better understand each of these options.

Zoned Schools

Leckie Elementary/Middle School is the zoned school for Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB). The school caters to students PK3- 8th grade. DC Public Schools classifies the school as a school on the rise since student proficiency scores in Reading and Math has risen each year for the last four years a positive result of strong instructional leadership and increased enrollment by military families residing on JBAB. You can inquire about enrollment by dialing the front office and scheduling an appoint to visit / register. The school's number is (202) 645-3330 and their website URL is <http://www.leckielionsdc.org>.

The other schools zoned for JBAB are Hart MS and Ballou HS.

If you are a military family considering residing off base and within the District of Columbia and would like to know which school is zoned for the residence your considering place visit the District of Columbia Schools (DCPS) enrollment Boundary Information System at <http://dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov/schools>.

For DCPS enrollment info visit <http://dcps.dc.gov/page/how-enroll>

For DCPS enrollment info for Military Families visit <http://dcps.dc.gov/node/1098372>

Enrollment in Out of Zone or Public Charter Schools

DC is a community that enjoys one of the largest collections of charter schools in the country. These schools are free public charter schools available to all DC residents. Enrollment into these programs is through the DC Common Lottery (explained further). These charter school programs cater to PreK3-12 grades and offer a wide variety of instructional approaches from language immersion to expeditionary learning and everything in between. Parents are advise to do their research to determine which schools might be a good fit for their child(ren). Your school liaison officer can help in this manner.

All DC residents have the option, if they wish, to select a public and public charter school out of zone or have their child considered for enrollment at a public charter school through the DC Common Lottery. Military parents unable to participate in the Common Lottery have the option of calling schools directly to inquire about space availability. It is recommended that parents speak directly with the principal about enrollment as they know well the school's space availability. For DCPS public schools' parents may be directed by to school to call the DCPS student placement prior to accepting the student. This team is equipped to support military connected student enrollment and will work with parents who are seeking enrollment outside of their zone school for students K-12.

If you are a parent of an elementary student already classified as gifted and talented, a Montessori student, Primary Years International Baccalaureate, Language Immersion or other specialty program please notify your SLO. Washington DC and 50 other states have signed into their state laws the "Interstate Compact Law governing the Educational Opportunities of Military Connected Children". This law enables sending and receiving states to level the playing field for military connected students so they stay on track programmatically and on track towards graduation. Questions concerning the application of this law should be directed to the school liaison officer. This information should also be shared with schools you're calling and with the DC student placement specialist.

To contact the DC Student placement specialist dial (202) 939-3525. Charter schools require parents to contact them directly about enrollment vacancies. The DCPS student placement office does not support enrollment into DC Public Charter schools as each charter school in an autonomous educational entity. More information concerning DC public charter schools is shared below.

DC LOTTERY

Another way to enroll into an out of boundary school or a DC charter school is to participate in the DC Common lottery. Parents must visit the My School DC website and complete an online application for each child. The DC Common Lottery URL is <http://www.myschooldc.org> . Applications are accepted year round but understand that the initial placement round is conducted each year.

*Apply at MySchoolDC.org or call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336.

Know that military connected students can seek enrollment at any public school of their choosing at any time; understanding of course that this does not apply to PREK 3 and 4 year old programs or specialty center programs. Again, enrollment can only occur if the school has space available to accommodate the student.

DCPS Application Based Specialized High Schools: DCPS application based specialized high schools are public schools with specialized programs that require advance application, transcripts, and coordination with the school admission office. Learn more by reviewing individual school profiles <http://profiles.dcps.dc.gov>, and selecting "Application High Schools", from the "Select Programs" dropdown menu.

DCPS Specialized Schools include:

Benjamin Banneker High School, (International Baccalaureate High School) 202- 673-7322, <http://benjaminbanneker.org/>

Columbia Heights Education Campus, 202-939-7700, <http://checdc.org/home.php>

Duke Ellington High School of The Arts, 202-282-0123, <http://www.ellingtonschool.org/>

McKinley Technology High School, 202.281.3950, <http://mths.k12.dc.us/>

Phelps High School of Architecture, Engineering and Construction, 202.729.4360,
<http://www.pacehs.org>

School Without Walls High School, 202.698.3793, <http://www.swwhs.org>

Application dates for these schools are listed on the DCPS website and the schools websites. Application periods generally start in December and end the first week in February for the next school year. If application deadline has passed, the military family should contact the school and discuss transfer and application with an admissions representative at the school. Families may also find it helpful to contact the DCPS student Placement office or school liaison for additional guidance concerning specialty center admissions.

DC Public Charter Schools: DC Public Charter Schools operate independently with some aspects of their operation being monitored by the Public Charter School Board.

A complete list of DC Public Charter schools may be viewed online by visiting <http://www.dcpccb.org>. Application to these schools is open to any DC resident, regardless of neighborhood. Applications are accepted via the MY Schools DC <http://www.myschooldc.org>. The open enrollment and application period aligns with that of the DC Common Lottery mentioned earlier in this guide. (Dec –May). JBAB does provide school bus transportation to select number of these specialty center programs. Parents are advised to look at the schools served by the JBAB bus service and or call the JBAB school bus coordinator to inquire about bus school bus transportation service at 202-284-4062.

Like their public school counterparts, DC Public Charter schools administer the PARCC test to measure annual student performance in grades 3–8 and students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, and English I & II. Parents who wish to research specific DC Public Charter schools can visit the DC Public Charter School Board’s website listed above and select the “Finding A School” link.

DCPS Graduation Requirements (General Info not to be applied to Specialty Centers or DC Public Charter Schools).

For more information, please visit <http://dcps.dc.gov/graduation>.

Academic Graduation Requirements for DCPS 24.0 Diploma

To receive a diploma in DC, students who enroll in 9th grade for the first time in School Year 2007-2008 and thereafter must earn 24.0 credits (or Carnegie Units) as follows:

| Subject | Credits (Carnegie Units) |
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| English | 4.0 Credits |
| Mathematics (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) | 4.0 Credits |
| Science (must include three lab sciences) | 4.0 Credits |
| Social Studies (must include World History 1 and 2, United States History; United States Government, and District of Columbia History) | 4.0 Credits |
| World Language | 2.0 Credits |
| Art | 0.5 Credits |
| Music | 0.5 Credits |
| Health and Physical Education | 1.5 Credits |
| Electives | 3.5 Credits |
| Total | 24.0 Credits |

- For all students entering the ninth (9th) grade beginning school year 2009-2010, one (1) of the three (3) lab science units shall be a course in Biology.
- At least two (2) of the twenty-four (24) Carnegie Units for graduation must include a College Level or Career Preparatory (CLCP) course approved by the student's local education agency (LEA) and successfully completed by the student. The course may fulfill subject matter or elective unit requirements as deemed appropriate by the LEA. CLCP courses approved by the LEA may include courses at other institutions.
- All students must enroll in Algebra no later than ninth (9th) grade commencing with the 2007-2008 school year.
- Students qualifying for the evening program high school diploma are not required to take the 1.5 credits in Health and Physical Education.
- All students must complete 100 hours of community service to receive a high school diploma.

HOMESCHOOLING

Parents interested in home schooling in the District of Colombia must submit the “Intent to Home School Form”. This must be submitted annually for the coming school year by August 15th or upon the establishment of residency within the District of Columbia. This form and additional information about homeschooling in the District can be obtained by visiting the Office of the State Superintendent of Education’s website dedicated to homeschooling.

<http://osse.dc.gov/service/district-columbia-homeschooling-program>

Joint Base Anacostia Bolling has a strong home-schooling inclusive group known as the JBAB Home Educators. More information about this group and how to connect with them can be found by contacting the JBAB School Liaison Officer.

HOME BASED INSTRUCTION

Friendship Charter School is a public online charter school that serves students throughout DC. This is an option available to JBAB families seeking online home-based instruction. Students enrolled in this online charter school receive online instructional support and have access to a certified Friendship Charter School teacher during the week. To learn more about this program visit <http://fpcso.k12.com/> or contact the JBAB School Liaison Officer for additional contact information.