

Washington, DC Schools

District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is the traditional public school system of the District of Columbia. DCPS consists of 168 schools and learning centers, which break down into 101 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, 9 junior high schools, 20 senior high schools, 6 education centers, and 20 special schools. Three high schools, Banneker, Wilson, and School Without Walls, were ranked in 2003 by Newsweek Magazine among the top high schools in the nation. DCPS schools serve roughly 59,600 students across the District.

Students should register at the school they plan to attend. Students are guaranteed placement at their neighborhood school. If students want to attend an out-of-boundary school (a school other than their neighborhood school), they must go through the out-of-boundary application process. (<http://www.k12.dc.us/dcps/outofbounds/outofboundhome.html>).

When you go to register your child, bring the following items with you:

- Proof of your child's birth date
- Your child's immunization records
- Legal proof of residency

DCPS has some great specialized programs that include: **NASA Program** - An elite three-year partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) through the NASA Explorer Schools Program; Anne Beers ES is one of 50 schools nationwide to participate. **Fillmore Arts Center** - A nationally recognized innovative arts education program designed to enhance cognitive skills, build respect for self and others, and encourage fresh ways of looking at the world. **Museum Magnet Schools** - A collaborative education program with the Smithsonian Institution to enable students to explore the vast resources of the museums in the nation's capital. **Dual Language Programs** - Two-way full immersion Spanish/English language programs in eight DCPS Schools. **Montessori Programs** - An educational method that stresses the development of

initiative and self reliance within strictly disciplined limits; five elementary schools participate in the Montessori Program. **Benjamin Banneker Academic High School** - An alternative school that offers a highly structured four year program leading to college admission. The common denominator of the students is their commitments to educational excellence. **International Baccalaureate Program** - An academically rigorous, global educational program that provides students the opportunity to share, explore, experience, and appreciate the diversity within the District of Columbia; Banneker Academic High School has an IB program. **Career Technology Education** - A program that prepares students to set post-secondary goals and provides them with the necessary skills and knowledge to reach their goals. **Duke Ellington School of the Arts** - A school that provides students with pre-professional arts training enriched by strong college preparatory academic instruction. **Dunbar SHS Pre-Engineering Program** - A school-within-a-school academic program that prepares students for careers in engineering, technology, and applied sciences. **Embassy Adoption Program** - An award-winning partnership that matches

sixth grade classes from across the city with embassies representing countries from around the world. **Summer Instrumental Music Program** - A six-week program offered district-wide to middle school and junior high school age students as part of a summer enrichment program sponsored by Advanced Programs. **Character Education** - An initiative that connects character-building content and instructional strategies with existing curriculum standards to improve overall school climate. **Summer Enrichment Program** - Extended learning opportunities for thousands of students to gain and develop requisite skills and knowledge that meet content standards in reading and math. **Camp Round Meadow Computer Camp** - Seven one-week summer sessions where students learn to use technology as a tool to enhance their skills and knowledge of the environment, and strengthen their self-esteem. **McKinley Technology High School** - A citywide school that offers programs in biotechnology, information technology and broadcast technology in a fully modernized facility.

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