



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Year 2018-2019



## 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) eliminated the need for highly qualified teachers. However, parents have the right to request teacher information by contacting the school [Principal](#).

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

Parents have the right to know that the 2018 PARCC results can be obtained from the District of Columbia Public Schools [website](#).

### **Student Records.**

Parents have the right to know that the District of Columbia Public Schools must provide notification regarding publicly released student information ([FERPA](#)). This includes parent notice if military or college recruiters request student data.

### **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 contact the School Culture Division at (202) 442-4404.

### **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 School Culture Division at (202) 442-4404.

### **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 Division of Federal Programs and Grants (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 Family and Public Engagement (202) 719-6613.

### **Complaint Resolution.**

Parents have the right to have complaints resolved within 60 business days. For more information, contact the Division of Federal Programs and Grants (202) 442-6025.