



Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are the first teacher and most important partner in your child's education. As a result, you need high-quality information on the performance of DCPS schools and the District overall. Inside, you'll find important facts related to **student performance, family and community engagement, safety, facilities, and more.**

Taken together, I believe these data can help you make the best, most informed decisions possible related to your child's education.

While the data on this scorecard provide you with the facts on the progress of this school, the best way to gauge a school's quality is to get involved. Please take a look at the back page for ideas on engaging with your school community.

You can compare schools' programs and performance online at www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles.

It is my hope that you use this information to hold principals, school staff, and my office accountable for continuing to improve the quality of education available to your family.

Sincerely,

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Smothers Elementary is a community-based and achievement focused school. Smothers is a founding school of the DC Collaborative for Change (DC3), which aims to develop highly effective teaching & learning practices in order to ensure success for all scholars. The mission of Smothers Elementary, in partnership with our entire community, is to foster a safe and nurturing environment that promotes creativity, curiosity, and develops lifelong learners. This requires a rigorous developmentally appropriate model of education which is centered around students, facilitated by teachers, and supported by home and community. We live our vision by practicing our five core principles represented by the acronym P.R.I.D.E. (Proud of self and community, Respectful of self and others, Invested in our future, Determined to excel, and Excited for learning).

PROGRAMS (2015-16)



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Literacy Lab
- Tools of the Mind
- Extended Day
- M2 & M3 Math Enrichment Program
- Junior Great Books Literacy Enrichment Program
- Singapore Math
- Tools of the Mind



WELLNESS AND FITNESS

- Athletics - Tennis & Basketball
- Jewels, Inc. Mentoring
- Step Afrika!
- Girls on the Run
- School Garden Club
- Sports
- Karate



ARTS AND CULTURE

- Art Around the Corner
- Washington Ballet
- Glee Club
- Chess Club
- Spanish Club



SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Early Learning Support

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT CLASSIFICATION

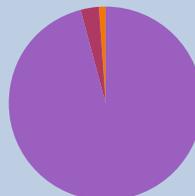
Focus schools need targeted support to address large subgroup achievement gaps relative to all schools in DC. Focus schools must develop an intervention plan to address specified subgroups and report twice a year on planned milestones.



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2014-15)

Enrollment: 275

- Black: 96%
- Hispanic/Latino: 3%
- White: 0%
- Asian: 0%
- Pacific/Hawaiian: 0%
- Native/Alaskan: 0%
- Multiple races: 1%



- English language learners: 2%
- Free and reduced-price lunch: 99%
- Special education: 14%
- In boundary: 54%
- Average core class size: 15

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STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Results of annual, standardized assessments don't describe the full school experience, but they do provide the most accurate and reliable signal of student performance. Every DCPS school should demonstrate progress in the core areas of math and reading, as well as cultivate students and faculty focused on improving performance through outstanding teaching and learning.

		0	100				WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
Student math performance	2014-15	33%	31%	28%	8%		
	District Average	24%	31%	24%	18%	3%	
Student reading performance	2014-15	32%	35%	25%	8%		
	District Average	32%	23%	20%	20%	5%	

The percent of students achieving at each performance level on the PARCC (Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career). The 2014-15 school year is the first year of this assessment.

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SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS

DCPS believes that all schools must provide caring and supportive environments. School environments that are safe and welcoming better enable students and staff to learn and teach.

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Student in-seat attendance	2014-15: 91% 2013-14: 93% District Average: 95% ▲			The average percent of students attending school daily.
Truancy rate	2014-15: 6% 2013-14: 2% District Average: 10% ▲			The percentage of students considered truant (10 or more unexcused absences while compulsory school-aged).
Out-of-school suspensions	2014-15: 1% 2013-14: 0% District Average: 5% ▲			The percentage of students included in the enrollment audit who received at least one out-of-school suspension.
Long-term suspensions	2014-15: 0% 2013-14: 0% District Average: 0% ▲			The percentage of students included in the enrollment audit who received at least one long-term suspension (11+ days).
Student safety	2014-15: 60% 2013-14: 83% District Average: 70% ▲			A score that represents student perceptions of safety and order at this school. The scale is from 0 to 100, and the score is based on the results of a student survey.
Student satisfaction	2014-15: 86% 2013-14: 92% District Average: 88% ▲			A score that signals students' overall satisfaction with their school. The scale is from 0 to 100, and the score is based on the results of a student survey.
Student re-enrollment	2014-15: 68% 2013-14: 92% District Average: 81% ▲			The percentage of students who returned to school the following year. This does not include students in the school's highest grade level.
Retention of effective and highly effective teachers	2014-15: 47% 2013-14: 80% District Average: 80% ▲			The percentage of teachers rated Effective or Highly Effective by DC Public Schools' IMPACT evaluation system who are returning to this school from the previous year. Does not include schools with fewer than 10 teachers rated by IMPACT.

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Facilities:

Art room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Auditorium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Computer lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gym	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Media center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Music room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor recreation space	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science lab	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other:

After school care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Before school care	<input type="checkbox"/>
School uniform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Title I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Family and Community Engagement:

Local school advisory team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Active parent organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Home visit trained teachers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School tours	<input type="checkbox"/>

Destination School(s):

Kelly Miller MS

Community Partnerships:

Washington Youth Garden
Joe's Champs: Fight For Children
Living Classrooms
Live It Learn It
Architects in Schools
Story Time with Everybody Wins DC (EW!DC)
District of Columbia's Collaborative for Change (DC3)
Grace Apostolic Church
Mt. Vernon Church
Adopt-a-School Program

GETTING TO SCHOOL

 U8, W4, 96, 97, U6, U4, W5

 Blue/Orange Lines: Benning Rd. Station

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Families play an essential role in supporting student success.

Talk to your child about school. Your opinion and interest matter to your child. Ask your child about one thing he or she learned at school, and keep asking every day!

Talk to your child's teacher(s). Teachers and parents are on the same team. Ask teacher(s) about their expectations and goals for your child, and share your own. Brainstorm ways you can help your child at home to supplement learning at school.

Stay up-to-date and informed about what's happening at school. Pay attention to report cards, attendance, data, and any updates or newsletters coming home from school. If you have

any questions, don't hesitate to ask the teachers, principal, or staff. Find out what leadership opportunities are available, such as in parent organizations.

Volunteer at school. Volunteers are key to helping students succeed. Many schools need volunteers who can work directly with students on reading and math, but volunteers also can provide support in classrooms, the main office or the library. For more information, contact the school's main office to determine specific needs or visit www.dcps.dc.gov/dcps/volunteer for details about the volunteer clearance process.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON OTHER SCHOOLS?

View scorecards of every DCPS school at: www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles. You can search for DCPS schools based on the information that you care about, and you can also compare schools side by side.

HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Website: www.dcps.dc.gov

Facebook: [FB.com/dcpublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/dcpublicschools)

Twitter: [@dcpublicschools](https://twitter.com/dcpublicschools)

Instagram: [dcpublicschools](https://www.instagram.com/dcpublicschools)