



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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Strong John Thomson Elementary School is a rigorous and multicultural environment where students grow into global citizens possessing a sense of inquiry, values and a desire for high academic achievement. Strong John Thomson Elementary School is renowned for our diversity and academics, making steady gains in the last two years. Thomson was the first DCPS elementary school to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) PYP World School. As an IB school, we prepare students to be active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. Our diverse staff is committed to excellence and working with our families and the community to provide a challenging academic program that prepares students for their futures both inside and outside of the classroom.

PROGRAMS (2013-14)



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
- Academic Power Hour
- Creative Curriculum Three-/Four-Year-Old Program
- Embassy Adoption
- AALEAD
- Imagine Learning
- Everybody Wins! Power Lunch
- GeoPlunge Team
- Challenge 24 Team



WELLNESS AND FITNESS

- DC SCORES (Soccer/Poetry)
- Boys Basketball Team
- Running Club
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program
- Dance Team



ARTS AND CULTURE

- City Dance
- World Languages/Mandarin Chinese
- DC Arts and Humanities
- Thomson Choir
- Recycling Club
- Gardening Club
- Student Book Club
- Safety Patrol
- Dance Club

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT CLASSIFICATION

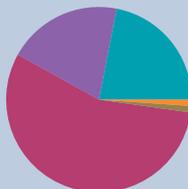
Rising — Rising schools need support to continue growth. They have an overall index score above 44 but less than 80 and are not identified as Priority or Focus schools by any other criteria.



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2012-13)

Enrollment: **300**

- Black: 19%
- Hispanic/Latino: 56%
- White: 1%
- Asian: 22%
- Pacific/Hawaiian: 0%
- Native/Alaskan: 0%
- Multiple races: 1%



- English language learners: 43%
- Free and reduced-price lunch: 99%
- Special education: 10%
- In boundary: 62%
- Average core class size: 19

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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	2011–12	6%	40%	40%	14%		The percentage of students achieving at each proficiency level on the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS or DC CAS Alt).	
	2012–13	5%	27%	39%	29%			
	District Average	18%	32%	33%	16%			
			Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced		
Student reading performance	2011–12	16%	35%	43%	6%			
	2012–13	11%	33%	52%	4%			
	District Average	17%	35%	36%	11%			
			Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced		



STUDENT PROGRESS

Compared to student performance, which signals the share of students achieving at various levels, student progress is a measure of how much students grow from year to year. While some schools may have relatively few students meeting or exceeding state standards, it is important to gauge the extent to which those schools help students catch up.

		0			100	WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
Student growth in math	2011–12				77%	This score describes the percentage of students the median (middle) student outperforms who started with a similar level of prior achievement on the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS or DC CAS Alt). For example, a score of 70 means that this school's median student outperformed more than 70 percent of students in the District with the same level of prior achievement.
	2012–13				65%	
	District Average			▲	49%	
Student growth in reading	2011–12				62%	
	2012–13				53%	
	District Average			▲	50%	

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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.

		0	100	WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
Student in-seat attendance	2011-12: 95% 2012-13: 95% District Average: ▲ 94%			The average percentage of students attending school daily. Business rules were updated in school year 2013-14. These figures were calculated prior to that change.
Truancy rate	2011-12: 0% 2012-13: 1% District Average: ▲ 4%			The percentage of students regarded as truant (15+ unexcused absences). Business rules were updated in school year 2013-14. These figures were calculated prior to that change.
Out-of-school suspensions	2011-12: 2% 2012-13: 0% District Average: ▲ 4%			The percentage of students who received at least one out-of-school suspension.
Long-term suspensions	2011-12: 0% 2012-13: 0% District Average: ▲ 0%			The percentage of students who received at least one long-term suspension (11+ days).
Student safety	2010-11: 90% 2012-13: 81% District Average: ▲ 84%			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	2010-11: 77% 2012-13: 77% District Average: ▲ 85%			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	2011-12: 82% 2012-13: 91% District Average: ▲ 78%			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	2011-12: 88% 2012-13: 88% District Average: ▲ 83%			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.



UNIQUE SCHOOL INDICATORS

The school scorecard is meant to provide information that is easy to compare across schools. However, each school is unique in its approach to teaching and learning. This section provides schools the opportunity to highlight their own measures of success.

		0	100	WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
ACCESS improvement for English Language Learners	2011-12: 83% 2012-13: 84%			The percentage of English Language Learners (ELL) growing on the ACCESS for ELLs exam.
CAS reading performance level change	2011-12: 32% 2012-13: 48%			The percentage of students improving their DC CAS reading proficiency level from the previous year.

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Facilities:

Art room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Auditorium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Computer lab	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Home visit trained teachers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Regularly scheduled school tours	<input type="checkbox"/>

Destination School(s):

Jefferson Middle School Academy

Community Partnerships:

Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation
Sidley, Austin, Brown and Wood, LLP
The Building Museum
Catholic University
Deloitte and Touche
Microsoft Corporation
GW University/DC READS
CoStar
Luther Church
Asbury Church

GETTING TO SCHOOL

 64, DC Circulator, D4, G8, 63, 42, S2, S4, 53, 80, D1, D3, D6, 52, 53, 54, X9, 79, X2, S9

 Red Line: Metro Center Station; Green/Yellow Lines: Mt. Vernon Square/7th Street-Convention Center 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?

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