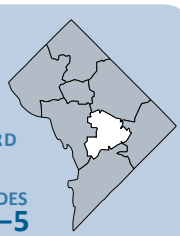
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2010–11 SCHOOL PROFILE

Miner Elementary School



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are your child's first teacher and our most important partner in your child's education. We understand, though, that for you to be an effective partner, you need information. This school profile is designed to give you what you need to make the best decisions for your child.

In this profile, you will find important facts about school performance, facilities, and academic and extracurricular programs. You also will find practical details that will help you better communicate and be involved in the school — including the principal's name, the front office phone number and what public transportation gets you to the school.

This information is compiled first and foremost to help you support and advocate for your child. But it is also my hope that you will use it to hold principals, school staff and my office accountable at getting better at what we do every day.

Our goal is for every child in DCPS to succeed. We look forward to working with you to make this goal a reality for your child.

Sincerely,

Kaya Henderson
Interim Chancellor

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School Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

With a demanding educational agenda that builds upon the active engagement of school, parents and community, Miner Elementary School seeks to inspire young learners. We promote academic, social and cultural excellence in a dynamic school environment. Our school is supported by numerous partnerships that assist in the improvement of student performance and educational excellence. Nestled in the Capitol Hill community of northeast Washington, DC, we provide an inspiring, exciting and enthusiastic learning environment, a clean, safe and state of the art facility and a supportive and resourceful educational setting.

PROGRAMS (2010–11)

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Reggio Emilia
- OST Academic Power Hour
- Kid Power
- Three-Year-Old Program
- Four-Year-Old Program
- Kids to College
- Indoor and Outdoor Environmental Laboratories
- GED Programs for Parents
- Spanish and French
- State Department Tutoring

WELLNESS AND FITNESS

- Boy Scouts
- Basketball
- Girl Scouts
- Adult Exercise Group
- Nutrition Sessions (UDC)
- Gardening Program
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Wellness and Fitness Sessions

ARTS AND CULTURE

- African Heritage Dancers and Drummers
- Joy of Motion (dance)
- Drama Club
- Art Club
- Kennedy Center
- Arts for Every Student
- Voice and Motion Players
- Glee Club
- Spanish Club
- Quarterly Museums

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding **math** standards on the DC CAS

2009	31%
2010	31%

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding **reading** standards on the DC CAS

2009	35%
2010	29%

School improvement status

Restructuring Year 2 — This school must now implement their restructuring plans at the beginning of the school year and continue to offer Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services to eligible students.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2009–10)

Enrollment: **493**

- Asian/Pacific: —
- Black: 98%
- Hispanic: 2%
- American Indian: —
- White: —
- Other: —

English language learners: —
Free and reduced-price lunch: 87%
Special education: 18%
In-boundary: 42%

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Facilities:

- Art room ✓
- Auditorium ○
- Computer lab ✓
- Gym ✓
- Media center ✓
- Music room ✓
- Outdoor recreation space ✓
- Science lab ○

Other:

- Parent organization ✓
- School uniform ○
- Title I ✓

Destination School(s):

Eliot-Hine Middle School

Community Partnerships:

- American University
- US Forestry Services
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- US State Department
- Smithsonian Museums Honor Guard
- H Street Community Development Corporation
- Kennedy Center
- Howard University
- Metropolitan Police Department (1st District)
- University of the District of Columbia Cooperative Extension Program

GETTING TO SCHOOL

B2 (Mt Rainier - Anacostia)
X1, X2, X3 (Minnesota Ave Station - Potomac Park/Lafayette Sq/McLean Gardens)
X8 (Carver Terrace - Union Station)
D6 (Stadium Armory Station - Sibley Hospital)
D3, D4 (Ivy City - Dupont Circle/Franklin Sq)
D8 (Washington Hospital)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Parents and community members play an important role in ensuring that every child, in every classroom across the district, receives the high-quality education he or she deserves.

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 office and the library, as well as help plan and staff events, write grants, and much more. For more information, check with the principal or visit **www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/volunteer.**

Join the school's parent organization. Parent organizations are an important part of every school community. They provide ways to support students through community events, fundraising and other activities. Joining a parent organization helps parents meet other parents who are engaged in their child's education. For more information, contact the school.

Attend parent-teacher conferences. Stay in touch with your child's teachers and ask that they be in touch with you. Ask your child's teachers about what kind of classroom behavior they expect and how they reward positive behavior. Ask what your child should be learning, how well he or she is doing, and what you can do to help. Parent-teacher conferences will be held at school on Oct. 18, 2010; Feb. 28, 2011; and May 16, 2011.

Work with or run for the school advisory board. This group advises the principal on the comprehensive school plan — including specific programs and activities that strengthen student performance, create safe and effective schools, and involve parents and families. For more information, check with the principal.

Talk to your child about school. Your opinion matters to your child. Ask your child about one thing he or she learned at school, and keep asking every day! For more information, visit **www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/studentsuccess.**

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON OTHER SCHOOLS?

If you are interested in seeing the information contained here for every DCPS school, please visit **www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles.** You will be able to search for DCPS schools based on the information that you care about, and you will also be able to compare schools side by side.

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

Be sure to let your school know if your contact information changes. Visit **www.dcps.dc.gov** regularly, and sign up to receive regular e-mail updates from DCPS at **www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enews.**