



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. This scorecard provides important facts related to student performance, school facilities, and the academic and extracurricular opportunities available at this school. 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 objectively illustrate the progress of this school, the best way to gauge a school's quality is to get involved. Be sure to review the back page of this document for ideas on engaging with your school community, such as volunteering or attending parent-teacher conferences. You can also compare schools' programs and performance online at www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles.

It's 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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At Joel Elias Spingarn High School, our mission is to provide our students with a solid foundation that will enable them to achieve success in post secondary education and in their future

careers. Using parents, students, staff and our community, we are creating a learning community that produces life-long learners and global citizens. We offer a variety of student organizations and extracurricular activities at Spingarn, including band, computer club and choir. At Spingarn, we instill the values of respect and cultural sensitivity in our students while preparing them to be successful both inside and outside of the classroom.

PROGRAMS (2011-12)



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Credit recovery
- After school tutoring
- Diplomas Now (early warning system)
- City Year
- Langston Golf Course After School Program
- AP Courses and Honor Classes
- Library Book Club



WELLNESS AND FITNESS

- Men of Strength Club
- Girls Varsity Basketball
- Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center
- Children's National Medical Center-Fatherhood Generation Program
- Softball
- Baseball
- Track
- Tennis
- Intramural Basketball
- Boys Varsity Basketball



ARTS AND CULTURE

- Youth Venture (Saturday)
- The Talented Ten (career exploration, consumer education)
- Art club
- Marching band
- Dance/Flag team
- World Languages: Spanish
- Robotics Club
- Computer Club
- March Madness Program

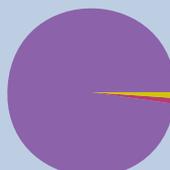
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT STATUS

Restructuring Year 2 — This school has failed to make AYP for six years. This school must implement its restructuring plan at the beginning of the school year and continue to offer Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services to eligible students.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2010-11)

Enrollment: 551

- Black: 98%
- Hispanic/Latino: 1%
- White: 0%
- Asian: 0%
- Pacific/Hawaiian: 1%
- Native/Alaskan: 0%
- Multiple races: 0%



- English language learners: 1%
- Free and reduced-price lunch: 77%
- Special education: 27%
- In-boundary: 68%

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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?
Meeting or exceeding math standards	<p>2010: 13%</p> <p>2011: 10%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 46%</p>			The percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards by earning scores of Proficient or Advanced on the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS or DC CAS Alt).
Meeting or exceeding reading standards	<p>2010: 17%</p> <p>2011: 17%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 44%</p>			
Exceeding math standards	<p>2010: 0%</p> <p>2011: 0%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 12%</p>			The percentage of students performing at the highest level, Advanced, on the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS or DC CAS Alt).
Exceeding reading standards	<p>2010: 1%</p> <p>2011: 1%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 13%</p>			
Graduation rate	<p>2009: 76%</p> <p>2010: 74%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 73%</p>			The graduation rate at this school is based on the total number of graduates for a given year and is divided by this total plus the total number of dropouts over the previous four years.
5-year graduation rate	<p>2010: N/A</p> <p>2011: N/A</p> <p>District Average: N/A</p>			These data will be available in fall 2012. At that time, all graduation rates will be based not on the total number of graduates in a given year, but on the four- and five-year high school outcomes of various 9th grade cohorts.
College enrollment	<p>2009: 37%</p> <p>2010: 32%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 44%</p>			The percentage of students graduating in June or August that are registered at a college or university the fall following their high school graduation.
Advanced Placement performance	<p>2010: 2%</p> <p>2011: 2%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 30%</p>			The percentage of students participating in an Advanced Placement examination and scoring 3, 4 or 5. These scores generally enable students to receive college credit.
Student engagement	<p>2009: 83</p> <p>2011: 80</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 80</p>			A score that signals students' level of effort and interest in their classes, as well as students' confidence in their own educational success. The scale is from 0 to 100, and the score is based on the results of a student survey given every two years.
Retention of effective and highly effective teachers	<p>2010: N/A</p> <p>2011: 84%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 83%</p>			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.



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.

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9th grade completion	<p>2010: 49%</p> <p>2011: 50%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 56%</p>			The percentage of first-time 9th grade students who earned enough credits by the end of the spring semester to be promoted to 10th grade. These students are on track for graduation.
Student growth in math	<p>2010: 38%</p> <p>2011: 31%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 46%</p>			The median student's growth on the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS). This score describes the percentage of students the median (middle) student outperforms who started with a similar level of prior achievement. 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.
Student growth in reading	<p>2010: 37%</p> <p>2011: 23%</p> <p>District Average: ▲ 51%</p>			

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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.				
Student attendance	2010: 73% 2011: 77% District Average: 94%	The average percentage of students attending school daily.		
School safety	2009: 59 2011: 61 District Average: 65	A score that represents student, parent and staff 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 stakeholder survey given every two years.		
Expulsions and suspensions	2010: 8% 2011: 7% District Average: 4%	The percentage of students who were expelled or suspended for 11 days or more.		
Serious student misbehavior	2010: 5 2011: 6 District Average: 2	The number of long-term suspensions or expulsions for the most serious (Tier 5) student misbehaviors in this school per 100 students.		
Student re-enrollment	2010: 64% 2011: 68% 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.		

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		FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION		
Families and community members play key roles in helping students and schools thrive. When parents, guardians and family members feel respected and informed about their student's life at school, they are more likely to be involved in helping their child learn.				
Community satisfaction	2009: 59 2011: 60 District Average: 68	A score that represents overall student, parent and staff satisfaction with this school. The scale is from 0 to 100, and the score is based on the results of a stakeholder survey given every two years.		
Parent engagement	2009: N/A 2011: N/A District Average: 73	A score that represents how well and how often parents felt this school engaged and communicated with them. The scale is from 0 to 100, and the score is based on the results of a parent survey given every two years.		

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		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.				
Students passing all courses	2010: 30% 2011: 41%	The percentage of students with grades of D or better in all courses.		
Foreign language enrollment	2010: 26% 2011: 43%	The percentage of students enrolled in one or more foreign language courses.		

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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	

Feeder School(s):

Langdon Education Campus
Wheatley Education Campus
Browne Education Campus

Community Partnerships:

Chevy Chase Bank
Spingarn Alumni Association
Department of Public Works
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Kids in Trouble
Kiwanis Club
Library of Congress
Penn Faulkner Writers Guild
Urban Alliance
U.S. Department of State

Career Pathways:

Autobody Collision Repair
Marketing & Entrepreneurship

GETTING TO SCHOOL



S41 (Spingarn High School Line)
X1, X3 (Benning Road-Potomac Park Line)
X2 (Benning Road-H Street Line)
X8 (Maryland Ave Line)

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. 17, 2011; Feb. 6, 2012; and May 14, 2012.

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.