

Dear DCPS Families,

DC Public Schools (DCPS) works year-round to ensure all students have safe, inclusive spaces to learn, and each June we uplift our community members who celebrate, affirm, and elevate the LGBTQ+ experience during Pride Month. This week, we will hold our first-ever [Virtual Pride Parade](#) and offer two Parent University online workshops for DCPS families on [loving with pride](#) and [sharing coming out stories](#). Follow the links to learn more.

And as we begin to develop summer routines that correspond to our public health guidelines, I wanted to share with you free, virtual resources available to all DCPS families to keep your student engaged in learning while school is not in session. You can visit the DCPS [Summer Learning for All](#) page on Canvas to explore dedicated resources for students in grades from Pre-K through high school. These resources are separate from programs that require virtual summer school enrollment.

[Families can download a “LEARN” card](#) to play a fun bingo-inspired game. Just select a student’s grade band — Pre-K, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, or 9-12 — to get ideas for both virtual and hands-on learning. And you can sign-up for [DC Public Library’s Virtual Summer Challenge](#) and commit to reading at least 20 minutes each day to earn prizes. Explore even more on [Canvas](#).

Enrollment is open for virtual summer programming for students in grades K-12 that will begin this month. Visit dcps.dc.gov/summer to learn more about these summer enrichment and credit-recovery programs and to register.

Free meal service and grocery distribution will also continue throughout the summer every weekday. Families can visit coronavirus.dc.gov/food to find where meals are being served near you. Check back frequently as more locations are being added weekly throughout June.

Summer break is here, but we are already planning for a safe and healthy return to school in the fall. We are asking students and families to take a few minutes to share their feedback on how our schools can reopen strong.

- [Survey for current DCPS students in grades 3-12](#)
- [Survey for all DC schools families](#)

We are also accepting applications for my Chancellor’s Parent Advisory Board for the 2020-2021 School Year. Parents who serve on the Advisory Board will learn more about DCPS priorities and provide input in the implementation of policies, programs and new initiatives. [Apply online by June 30](#).

Thank you in advance for helping shape our work in the months ahead.

In partnership,

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