


DIGITAL PIONEERS

ACADEMY

WELCOME DPA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Developing the Next Generation of Innovators





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OUR MISSION & VALUES

Values

- Optimism
- Innovation
- Commitment
- Empathy
- Growth
- Results



Mission

Digital Pioneers Academy's mission is to develop the next generation of innovators. We prepare scholars to meet or exceed the highest academic standards, while cultivating the strength of character necessary to both graduate from four-year colleges and thrive in 21st century careers.



"Digital Pioneers Academy will prepare your child to harness the power of technology to not only drive their own future success but also transform our world for the better." CEO Mashea Ashton

GENERAL INFORMATION



School Address

908 Wahler Place SE
Washington D.C. 20032



School Hours

Monday & Tuesday & Thursday & Friday

8:30am - 3:35pm

Wednesday

8:30am - 1:00pm

Arrival

Period 0 (Not Mandatory) Arrival Window

7:45am - 8:00am

General Arrival

8:30am - 8:45am

Scholars who are not participating in Period 0 cannot enter the building until 8:30am!

When there is inclement weather scholars who arrive between 8:00am - 8:30am can wait in the cafe!

Contact Information

Phone: (202)-670-7862

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Academic Quarters

Q1 - 9/22 - 11/2

Q2 - 11/6 - 1/25

Q3 - 1/29 - 4/4

Q4 - 4/8 - 6/12

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

September 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

November 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

December 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

February 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

March 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

April 2023				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

June 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

-  School Day
-  No School for Scholars
-  Parent Teacher Conferences
-  School Closed - Holiday

School Hours

Mon | Tues | Thur | Fri - 8:30am - 3:35pm

Wednesdays - 8:30am - 1:00pm

May 9th & 16th - 8:30am - 1:00pm

Doors Open at 7:45am

KEY POLICY OVERVIEW

Attendance

Cell Phones

Scholars are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. Scholars must turn in their cell phones at the beginning of each day.

Scholars are expected to be at school everyday. Scholars who accumulate more than 10 unexcused absences are at risk of being retained.

RRC

Uniforms

Scholars are expected to wear the full DPA School Uniform EVERYDAY! Scholars who do not wear the DPA School Uniform will be sent home.

Scholars who violate the school's non-negotiables will earn after school RRC. If your scholar does not attend their RRC they will receive Saturday RRC.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Daily and timely attendance is critical to Digital Pioneers Academy achieving the results it has for both our scholars and our community. Scholars are expected to attend school every day that school is in session. Additionally, Scholars are expected to be on time every day. DPA has a goal of **95% DAILY ATTENDANCE!**

We define an absence as the following:

- A day in which a scholar does not arrive at school at all
- Scholars arriving to school after 10am
- Scholars departing school (and not returning) before 2:30pm

Because daily attendance is critical to the success of the school but also a legal obligation to the city, DPA does have serious consequences for scholars who are frequently absent. While understanding that both sickness, emergencies, bereavement, and other reasons apply to scholar absences, it is critical that scholars put their best efforts into being at school daily. The following are consequences for excessive absences from school:

- If a scholar has 3 or more unexcused absences during scholar orientation (the first 8 days of school), a meeting with the scholar's family will be required immediately to discuss expectations.
- Scholars who reach 3 absences during one quarter, or 5 absences during the year, may be required to complete an attendance recovery plan, a plan intended to make up learning time missed while out of school.
- If a scholar has 10 or more unexcused absences (consecutive or nonconsecutive), DPA must report the absences to Child and Family Services.
- If a scholar has 20 or more consecutive unexcused absences, DPA will take the following action:
 - The scholar may be unenrolled;
 - Attendance data will be reported to Court Social Services and/or the OAG Juvenile Division and Child and Family Services;
 - Retention (repeating a grade) will be considered and the absences may be the primary reason for retention regardless of academic performance.

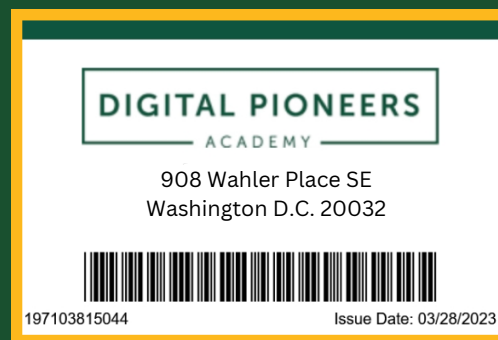
CAASS ONE CARD

Digital Pioneers Academy utilizes CAASS OneCard, an ID Card identification system that requires scholars to use their student ID card to sign into school, sign out for early dismissal, and sign into each of their classes.

You can get real time notifications, that will alert you when your child has arrived at school AND scanned into class! You can follow the below instructions to create an account!

- Download the "CAASS notify app" from your app store.
- Register inside the application. (Note: the registration key is unique to each child. This information will be sent home with scholars during orientation, and emailed out to the email we have on file!

Your scholar's first ID is FREE and subsequent IDs are \$5.



OSSE IMMUNIZATIONS POLICY

For the 23-24 school year OSSE is requiring that all scholars are up to date on their childhood immunizations! Scholars in grades 7 & 11 who are out of compliance with OSSE's Immunization Policy are at risk of being excluded from school starting December 4th 2023.

- Scholars who are DUE or OVERDUE for a immunization are considered out of compliance by the District's standards.
- If your scholar is out of compliance you will begin to receive notifications on October 26th 2023.
- You will continue to receive these notification until your scholar is up to date on their childhood immunizations, and in compliance with the districts Policy.
- DPA will host 2 mobile clinics which will provide families with the opportunity to get their child their immunizations, free of charge, at the school!

DPA Immunization Clinics

Sept 26, 2023 - Mobile Clinic - 908 Wahler Pl SE

Oct 17, 2023 - Mobile Clinic - 908 Wahler Pl SE



UNIFORMS



Prices

Green Polo - \$15

Grey Joggers - \$15

Green Crew Neck - \$15

Skirt - \$15

White Button Down - \$10



OUR ATHLETICS

PROGRAMS

Flag Football

Basketball

Cheerleading

Step

Soccer

E-Sports



Kids Ride Free Card

The Kids Ride Free (KRF) program allows students to ride for free on Metrobus, Metrorail, and the DC Circulator while traveling within the District.

To be eligible for participation in the KRF program, each student must be:


- A resident of the District of Columbia, and
- Ages 5 through 21, and
- Enrolled in an elementary or secondary public, charter, private or parochial school located within the District or youth in the care of the District.

Scholars who would like to obtain a Kids Ride Free Card must go to the main office and complete the application! Once the application is complete and authorized, your scholar will be notified that their card is ready for pick up!



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION


DPA's Middle School is located right off of the corner of 9th and Wahler Place! There are bus stops, and bike shares within walking distance - below you will find a map containing all of the public transportation options available to you and your scholar!




Get Around Guide

Ride the Rail  **M**

Rides start at \$2 and require a SmarTrip® card.
goDCgo.com/rail



Catch a Bus  **circulator**  **metrobus**

DC Circulator costs \$1 to ride and Metrobus rides start at \$2. Cash, SmarTrip cards, and mobile SmarTrip payments are accepted.
goDCgo.com/bus

Grab a Bike  **capital bikeshare**  **Lime**  **SPIN**  **veo**

Capital Bikeshare rates start at \$1 to unlock, \$8/day, or \$95/year with unlimited 45 minute trips.

Dockless Bikes: Lime, Spin, and Veo ebikes are available in the District. Check the providers app for availability and pricing.
goDCgo.com/bike

Rent a Scooter  **Lime**  **lyft**  **SPIN**  **veo**

Dockless scooters are available across all eight wards with accessible discount programs for income-eligible residents. Providers include Lime, Lyft, Spin, and Veo.
goDCgo.com/scooter


KIDS RIDE FREE  **Kids Ride Free**
DC Students can ride for free with a Kids Ride Free card on Metrobus, Metrorail, and DC Circulator. [Learn more at: goDCgo.com/krf](http://goDCgo.com/krf)

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Walk Score	Bike Score	Transit Score
43	32	64



LEGEND

-  CAPITAL BIKESHARE
-  ZIPCAR
-  DC CIRCULATOR
-  METRO RAIL
-  METROBUS
-  BIKE LANE OR TRAIL

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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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