



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) From DPSCD Parents



Detroit Public Schools Community District

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

General

1.1 What is the phone number to the Parent/Resolution Hotline?

The number is (313) 240-4DPS or (313) 240-4377.

1.2 What are the hours for the Parent/Resolution Hotline?

The parent hotline is open Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1.3 How do I request translation services?

Please contact the Translation Coordinator at (313) 576-0106 or visit <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/9601>.

1.4 Is there a school directory that lists contact information for my child's school?

For a complete listing of all District schools, please utilize our School Locator: <https://www.detroitk12.org/domain/152>. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the Parent/Resolution Hotline at (313) 240-4DPS or (313) 240-4377, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1.5 Where can I locate the District's calendar? When is the District calendar made available for the next school year?

The academic, assessment and District event calendars are all available on our Calendar Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/2#calendar1/20190122/month>
You may download or subscribe to family-friendly versions of the calendars.

1.6 Where can I locate Board of Education office numbers, meeting dates, meeting minutes and policy documents?

The Board Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5110> includes office numbers and meeting dates.
[BoardDocs](#) is the District's cloud based, board management system that provides access to all board agendas. It is home to a searchable online index of agendas, board packets, minutes and policies. Visit the website at <https://www.boarddocs.com/mi/detroit/Board.nsf/Public>

1.7 How can I reach members of the Board of Education?

You may email board members directly by visiting the <http://detroitk12.org/board/members/> page. Board member email addresses are available on BoardDocs at <https://www.boarddocs.com/mi/detroit/Board.nsf/Public>.

Enrollment

2.0 Where can I locate the enrollment process for District schools?

Discover what educational opportunities the District has in store for your child by exploring our Enrollment Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/enroll>

The website is designed to answer all enrollment concerns for:

Elementary/ Middle Schools	Career/ Technical Education
High Schools	Montessori
Application Schools	Non-Residents
Examination Schools	Bilingual / English Learners
Early Childhood	Homeless
Adult Education	Special Needs
IMPACT Program (Second Chance)	Alternative Programs

Explore specialty schools such as:

Fine and Performing Arts	Aviation
Single Gender Education	S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
College Partners	Foreign Language Immersion
Montessori	Science and Medicine

2.1 How do I find out what schools are in my area or boundary?

Visit our School Locator: <https://www.detroitk12.org/schools> and enter your address.

2.2 Can students from outside of the city enroll in District schools?

The District is a School of Choice District and may enroll out-of-district students through a specified date each school year.

2.3 Who do I contact if my neighborhood school is denying enrollment?

Please contact the Office of Enrollment at (313) 873-6345.

2.4 Where can I obtain information about the application process for the Examination High Schools?

Go to our Enrollment Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7406>

**2.5 Who do I call, if I want to transfer my child from one DPSCD school to another ?
(Not applicable to examination or application schools)**

Contact the school that you would like to transfer to, and they should be able to assist with the transfer. If you encounter any difficulties, please contact the Office of Enrollment, (313) 873-6345.

2.6 We are currently homeless. How do I enroll my student into a District school?

You may enroll at the school of your choice, though exceptions may apply for examination high schools. To obtain services as well as additional information, please contact George Eason, Program Director, McKinley-Veto Homeless Division in the Office of Clinical Prevention and Intervention Services at (313)748-6388.

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Academics, Curriculum & Instruction

3.1 Who do I contact if I have a concern regarding my child's grades?

Your child's teacher is the first point of contact to discuss grades, attendance, classroom performance, and related issues. Teachers can be reached by phone, email, or via the Parent Connect portal. Additionally, teachers are available for one-on-one sessions during designated Parent-Teacher Conference periods. Please contact your school's office to obtain contact information or to sign up for Parent Connect.

3.2 Who do I contact if I want to dispute my child's grades on the report card?

The teacher is the most knowledgeable about the academic performance of your child. If you are unable to resolve the grade issue with the teacher, please request a review of the grades by scheduling an appointment with your principal and/or his administrative designee.

3.3 Where do I find information about the adopted core programs in the District?

Adopted core programs are available for each curriculum department on our Curriculum & Instruction Page:

<https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5087>

3.4 I have a question about accessing or understanding my student's performance data. Who do I contact?

To understand your student's performance data, please contact your child's teacher. If for any reason your child's teacher is unable to address your concern, please contact the principal.

3.5 I think there might be an issue or error with student's performance data. Who do I contact?

For information on student performance data, please contact Beth Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction at (313) 873-3485.

3.6 How do I log-in to my student's i-Ready account?

Access i-Ready via the Clever shortcut on your desktop or through Google Chrome, go to clever.com/in/DPSCD

Click on the "Log in with Active Directory" option

For students,

- o Enter their Active Directory username
- o Enter their Active Directory Password

Student Password:

This is comprised of the following:

First letter of their first name in upper case

First letter of their last name in lower case

- 2 digit of their birth month

- 2 digit of their birth year

01(male) or 02 (female)

Example:

Jane Doe whose birthday is May 13, 2004

Password is **Jd050402**

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Research, Evaluation & Assessment

4.1 I have a question about the District assessment calendar. Who do I contact?

For more information, please contact Mark Paik, Executive Director of Data, Assessment and Accountability at (313) 873-7441

4.2 I am trying to find performance or other data about a school or the District. Who do I contact?

For more information, please contact the Office of Research, Evaluation and Analytics at (313)873-7440.

Technology

5.1 Who do I call, if I need to access my child's on-line profile?

You may access your child's online profile on the Parent Portal:
<https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/8920>

Open the URL: <https://sis.detroitk12.org/production/ParentPortal>

Enter PIN and Password, click Logon

Note: If you have not been issued a Personal Identification Number (PIN) or Password, please contact your school or district personnel for the required login information.

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Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

6.1 Are transportation services available for students with disabilities? What are the pick-up and drop-off locations?

Transportation is a service determined by the Individualized Education Plan Team (IEPT) and must be required for the student to access the curriculum and is specific to the child's needs per their disability. If you have questions regarding your child's IEP, your student's case load teacher is always your first line of contact, followed by the building principal. Each school is organized into a cohort of schools and the corresponding Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Cohort Supervisor is listed below.

Cohort	First Name	Last Name	Phone Number	Email
1	Richard	Gregory	(313) 263-2895	richard.gregory@detroitk12.org
2	Tyra	Butler	(313) 414-4299	tyra.butler@detroitk12.org
3	Roslyn	Hester	(313) 263-2878	roslyn.hester@detroitk12.org
4	Deborah	Louis-Ake	(313) 263-2808	deborah.louis-ake@detroitk12.org
5	Marlene	Hunter-Armstrong	(313) 263-2890	marlene.hunter-armstrong@detroitk12.org

6.2 My child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), but there are no programs and services outlined in the plan?

The first line of communication is always your child's ESE teacher. If you require additional support, please reach out to your building principal. If you require an additional layer of support, please follow up with an email or phone call to the ESE Cohort Supervisor listed above.

6.3 How is the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program serviced? What is the staffing model, curriculum and support systems in this program?

The District provides academic instruction for students with varying degrees of hearing loss in a language-enriched auditory/oral or total communication learning environment. We follow the general education curriculum. The current model for staffing is 7 students to 1 teacher in a self-contained setting, however, we service many students throughout the continuum in need of comprehensive classrooms. Please contact Celeste Johnson, DHH Supervisor at celeste.johnson@detroitk12.org. For additional information, please call (313) 873-7740.

6.4 Who do I contact if my child has an IEP, but has not been enrolled in school?

Please begin with your neighborhood school for all students eligible with a specific learning disability or speech and language impairment as a primary disability. If your child is eligible under another area for an Individual Education Plan (IEP), please contact the Placement/Compliance Center at (313) 748-6499. The office is located at 2001 West Warren Detroit, MI 48208 South Wing/Room #168. Hours of operation are 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.

6.5 Where can I access resources for my special needs student?

Please contact your building Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Team. As a resource, please visit the ESE page at <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7160>

External Resources:

Michigan Department of Education-Office of Special Education
<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6598---,00.html>

Michigan Alliance for Families

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/>

6.6 I am having issues with the placement process. How do I get my questions and concerns addressed?

Please address your concerns to Lohren Nzoma, Senior Executive Director for the Office of Exceptional Student Education, via email at lohren.nzoma@detroitk12.org or at (313) 873-7740.

6.7 How often are speech services available?

Speech services occur as a part of a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Your child's IEP team will determine the amount of time provided under the Programs and Services section. If you require additional support, please contact your child's ESE teacher. If you have additional questions that are not answered, please contact Donna Payne via email at donna.payne@detroitk12.org or Greg Jacoby at gregory.jacoby@detroitk12.org, You may also contact a Speech/Language and Audiologist Supervisor at (313) 748-6432.

6.8 What supports are in place for students with behavioral issues?

Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) operates under the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) at all grade levels across the District within the school building. Within the classroom you should see a layer of tiered interventions. Additional supports are available on an individualized basis in accordance with the needs outlined by the IEP team for students with an Individualized Education Plan. This may include services from the ESE School Social Worker, Behavior Specialist and other support staff. Please consult with your ESE teacher, principal and/or ESE Cohort Supervisor Liaison.

6.9 How often are ancillary services provided?

Ancillary services include services such as school social work services, speech, occupational and physical therapy, which are also called related services or supplementary aids and services. Services are determined based on individualized student need as outlined in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

6.10 How can the school best support my child according to their IEP?

The school will provide programs and services as identified in your child's IEP and ensure they are made available to the child in accordance with the IEP. This includes all supplementary aides, services and program modifications and accommodations that the IEP team identified as necessary. In addition, general education teachers and related service providers are informed of specific accommodations, modifications and supports to be provided to the child and informed of their specific responsibilities.

6.11 What is the teacher to student ratio for large classrooms with both general and exceptional student education?

There is a continuum of services for students with disabilities. The ratio for teacher to student is 27:2 in most general education classrooms. Teachers function as a team to ensure instruction is delivered using a variety of modalities. All Students are General Education Students First and DPSCD must consider the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) as a first step in programming for students.

When a student requires a more restrictive program such as a self-contained program, the above ratio changes to a lower ratio of students to staff based upon the requirements by the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE). Visit the website at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MARSE_Supplemented_with_IDEA_Regs_379598_7.pdf

6.12 It has been over 30 days since my child's last IEP meeting, who do I contact to find out the status?

Always begin with your child's Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Teacher and the Building Principal. As previously stated, you may contact your school's corresponding ESE Cohort Supervisor.

6.13 What is a 504?

A 504 is an accommodation plan for students with disabilities or suspected disabilities. A student with a 504 follows the general education curriculum and is supported with accommodations. A student with a 504 is not guaranteed to pass classes, nor is there a guarantee the student can't still get disciplined. Students who are eligible for 504's may not qualify for special education services but may need

additional support to better access the curriculum in school. 504 plans can be developed for students with impairments generally lasting longer than 6 months in duration.

6.14 My child has a medical diagnosis. Do they automatically receive a 504?

Not necessarily. A medical diagnosis does not automatically guarantee eligibility for a 504. The diagnosed disability must cause a substantial limitation to a major life activity. The building 504 team may conduct an evaluation to determine the impact the disability has on your child.

6.15 What does the 504 process entail?

Once a request for a 504 is made, the building starts collecting information and data on the student. The parent is contacted and completes a referral form.

Once basic information is gathered, the parent meets with the 504 coordinator and perhaps the building 504 team. If the team is proceeding with an evaluation, the parent signs consent to evaluate and a release of information to communicate with outside agencies and medical professionals. Once consent is signed, the 504 team has up to 30 school days to complete their evaluation and determine eligibility. The evaluation may include interviews, observations, data and records reviews, and information gathered from outside sources. If found eligible, the team will determine what accommodations would be most helpful for that student. At the end of the evaluation, the parent is invited in to discuss eligibility and accommodations, if eligible. The plan is formally reviewed annually, and the student is re-evaluated every three years.

6.16 Can a 504 be used in college?

Yes. If a school is receiving any amount of federal funding, they must provide accommodations through 504, if requested and if a student has a medical diagnosis. Students should check in with the student disability offices at the school(s) in which they are interested and see how they can assist. Responsibility is usually up to the student to self-identify and notify their professors.

6.17 Can 504 accommodations be used on the SAT and ACT?

Possibly. It depends on the accommodation and approval by the College Board and ACT. They make the final decision on granting accommodations.

6.18 Can a pregnant student have a 504?

Not typically. Pregnancy itself is not considered a disability. However, if the pregnancy substantially limits a major life activity (walking, standing, lifting, major

bodily functions) a student might qualify.

6.19 Can a student have a 504 and an IEP at the same time?

An IEP is able to provide more extensive accommodations than a 504 – so if a student is eligible for an IEP, their needs will be covered without an additional 504.

6.20 Who handles the 504 process at the District level?

Anne Meirow, PhD. Anne.meirow@detroitk12.org or 313-870-3480.

6.21 My child broke his/her leg and is in a wheelchair (or has suffered any other temporary injury). Does my child need a 504?

No. 504 plans are for students with disabilities lasting longer than 6 months in length. However, since the injury is temporarily affecting a major life activity (walking), the student is still protected under section 504. Temporary accommodations can be put in place to ensure access to the curriculum until the injury is healed.

6.22 What is the Homebound/ Hospitalized Program?

The Homebound / Hospitalized program is a temporary program for students that are removed from school by a medical professional due to a medical condition. A certified Detroit Public Schools Community District teacher will service the student by bringing the curriculum into the home twice weekly. The program is self-study, meaning the student is expected to keep up with the academic portion with a minimal amount of assistance. This program is not intended to replace a student’s primary educational setting. For more information or to apply for services, please see the contact information listed below:

Homebound/ Hospitalized Contact Information	
Contact	Juliann Deadrick, Program Coordinator
Email	juliann.deadrick@detroitk12.org
Phone	(313) 870-3612
Fax	(313) 263-2909

6.23 My child is struggling in school. Where can I get help?

Talk with your student’s teacher – see if they are noticing the same things about which you are concerned. Have they done anything in the classroom to help/support the student? Is there anything they can do that they think could be

helpful? If you have already interacted with the teacher: if the student is a general education student (no IEP, no special ed) get in touch with your school's 504 coordinator.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Complaints / Climate/Culture / Customer Service

7.1 As a parent, who do I call if I feel that I was treated unfairly at a school building?

Contact Sharlonda Buckman, Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Family and Community Engagement at (313)873-7490 or email at sharlonda.buckman@detroitk12.org

7.2 What do I do if I feel my child is getting bullied?

Please contact the school principal immediately. If the school principal is unavailable or additional assistance is needed, please contact the principal leader. To identify the principal leader for your school, please view the school cohort list on the School Support and Academic Programs: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>. If additional assistance is necessary, you should reach out to Dwight Jones, Executive Director of School Culture and Climate at (313) 578-7235 dwight.jones@detroitk12.org.

7.3 How do I report unsafe building conditions?

If you feel there are unsafe conditions that we should be aware of, please contact the school principal or the principal leader. To identify the principal leader for your school, view the school cohort list on our School Support and Academic Programs Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>.

7.4 Who do I call if I feel my child was unfairly disciplined?

Contact the school principal or the principal leader. To identify the principal leader for your school, view the school cohort list on our School Support and Academic Programs Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>

7.5 How can I provide customer service feedback on my experience with staff?

We strive to provide high levels of customer service to all of our stakeholders. If you have customer relation concerns, please contact the school principal. If the school principal is unable to assist, please contact the principal leader. The school cohort list is available on our School Support and Academic Programs Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>

7.6 If my child is hurt at school, what protocol is followed?

Report incident to school principal as soon as possible. Incident/injury forms will be issued for completion and incidents that led to injury will be investigated. If an incident that led to injury is not investigated expeditiously or thoroughly, contact the school's principal leader for further resolution. The list is available on our School Support and Academic Programs Page:

<https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>

7.7 I feel that my student's teacher is not responsive to my concerns. Who do I contact?

Contact the school principal. If the school principal is unable to assist, please contact the principal leader. The school cohort list is available on our School Support and Academic Programs Page:

<https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>

7.8 I believe that a school or District policy needs review or revision. Who do I contact?

Contact the Superintendent's Office at (313) 873-7922. You may also contact the Board Secretary's Office at (313) 873-7860.

7.10 Who do I call, if I would like to donate to a school?

If there is a desire to donate directly to a school, please contact the school's principal. Depending on the type and amount of the donation, a release of items may need to be completed as well. If you are unable to reach your school principal, please contact the principal leader. The school cohort list is available on our School Support and Academic Programs Page:

<https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5111>

7.11 Who do I call, if I want to participate in a parent focus group?

For contact Sharlonda Buckman, Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Family and Community Engagement at (313)873-7490

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School Safety

8.1 Who do I call if I want to appeal my child's suspension?

Under the newly adopted Student Code of Conduct, you may appeal a suspension by visiting the Student Code of Conduct Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7755> Information referencing a parent's right to appeal is located on page 43 of the revised Code of Conduct. You may also contact David Hopkins, Director of the Student Code of Conduct Office at (313) 748-6350

8.2 How do I contact Public Safety? Where is the office located?

The DPSCD Police Department is located at 8500 Cameron, Detroit, MI 48211
Main number: (313) 748-6020 / Emergency (313) 748-6000

8.3 Who do I contact if my child has been arrested or detained?

Contact the DPSCD Police Department at (313) 748-6020 where assistance will be provided.

8.4 Who do I contact if my child has been assaulted?

If the assault occurred on school grounds during school hours, contact your school principal immediately. The principal will launch an extensive investigation and also notify the DPSCD Police Department, who will conduct an independent investigation of the incident. If the assault was committed after school hours, you may contact DPSCD Police directly at (313) 748-6020.

8.5 How do I obtain a copy of a police report filed with the District?

Contact the Office of Public Safety at (313) 748-6020.

8.6 What should I do if I witness a crime being committed on school property?

Contact the Office of Public Safety immediately at (313) 748-6000. Also, notify the school principal immediately as a "lock down" protocol or other safety measures may have to be followed as a safety precaution

8.7 Where is the Student Code of Conduct Office located?

Frederick Douglass Building, South Wing, Room 170
2001 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48208

8.8 Does the Student Code of Conduct Office discipline staff?

The Student Code of Conduct's primary focus is student discipline. The Office of Employee Relations is responsible for the discipline of staff.

8.9 May I appeal an expulsion?

No. Parents can present their questions or concerns to the expulsion hearing officer.

8.10 How long can a student be suspended?

The number of days that a student can be suspended is directly related to the offense committed and the number of discipline referrals issued that are related to that offense. Please refer to the discipline matrices located in the Student Code of Conduct manual.

8.11 How do I get make-up work when my child has been suspended?

Students removed from school for any disciplinary action are entitled to make-up work. Make-up work will be provided to parents by the principal/designee within two (2) school days of the assigned discipline. Parents are responsible for picking up the assignments and returning the completed work for grading. Assignments must be completed and returned before new assignments are issued. All make-up work must be completed within five (5) school days of the student's readmission to school

8.12 How long does my child receive make-up work if he is recommended for an expulsion?

A student recommended for an expulsion is entitled to make-up work until a final decision is made by the expulsion hearing officer.

8.13 If my child is expelled from Detroit Public Schools Community District, can he attend another public school?

Students expelled from Detroit Public Schools Community District cannot attend any other public school in the state of Michigan.

8.14 Can a student be expelled for one offense?

Yes. Students who are charged and found guilty of a level 4 offense or some level 3 offenses, which are very serious in nature, and compromise the safety and security of students and staff, could be expelled.

8.15 Does the District have a school to accommodate expelled students?

At present, Detroit Public Schools Community District does not have a school for expelled students.

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Building Concerns (Facilities)

9.1 I am concerned about building conditions. Who should I contact?

Contact Mercedes Boulding, Senior Director of Facilities at mercedes.boulding@detroitk12.org.

9.2 How do I report a pest sighting?

The District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to pests in schools. This means that schools are to log their concerns or sightings of pests in the IPM logbook maintained in the main office. The licensed and contracted pest control contractor inspects schools once and some time twice per month and addresses those concerns. The application of a pest control chemical is last option for addressing pests in schools. Instead, the contributing factors are to be addressed as a first option for ridding a building of pests.

9.3 I have concerns about the condition of the student parking lot. Who should I contact?

The District has a Department of Grounds and Maintenance to address concerns regarding parking lots. You can contact Mr. George Vary, Director of Grounds and Maintenance via email at george.vary@detroitk12.org

9.4 I want to perform repairs at the school. Who do I contact?

The District welcomes volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should complete a volunteer application and follow the guidelines for the application process. Depending on the project, volunteers can coordinate a project by contacting the school administrators. If the work involves renovation, construction, or painting, prior approval must be granted by District Facilities. Please contact Mercedes Boulding , Senior Director of Facilities at mercedes.bouldong@detroitk12.org

9.5 How often are safety drills to be performed in my child's school?

Schools are required to conduct five fire drills, two take care (tornado) drills and three lockdown drills annually. A schedule of these drills is due to the Wayne County Office of Homeland Security on or before September 15th each year. The schedule for these drills is also available of the homepage of your child's school.

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Transportation

10.1 Who do I speak with regarding student transportation?

For general transportation questions, please contact the Student Transportation Call Center at (313) 945-8600. For transportation exceptions and special requests, you may contact Aaron Walter, Executive Director for the Office of Student Transportation at (313) 216-5844.

10.2 I lost my child's bus route information. Who do I call to receive a copy?

Please contact the Student Transportation Call Center at 313-945-8600 for this information.

10.3 How can I get a bus pass for my student?

High school students may use their DPSCD issued student ID to ride DDOT for free. Students should contact their school's main office if the ID is lost or stolen.

10.4 My family has moved. How do I update my address for student transportation?

To update your mailing address, please contact the main office of the school at which your child attends.

10.5 What is the District's policy on student transportation?

Guidelines for student transportation may be found on the Transportation page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7164>. You may also contact the Office of Transportation at (313) 945-8600.

10.6 Who do I call, if I have concern regarding a bus corner stop?

Please contact the Student Transportation Call Center at (313) 945-8600.

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School Nutrition

11.1 Does the District serve meals for vegetarians?

Yes, vegetarian options are offered daily at each school. If your child has food allergies, these are to be documented by your family physician and shared with the school administration and the onsite school nutrition team.

11.2 How can my school have a salad bar?

Beginning Fall 2018, every school will have an option for a salad. Vegetable options will either be served at a salad bar depending on space or a pre-made salad will be made available for consumption.

11.3 How many schools have gardens and where are they?

The District has nearly 60 school gardens. To learn where these gardens are located please visit our School Garden Page:
<https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7168>.

11.4 How can I obtain the Food Service Menu for my child's school?

Please visit the School Nutrition Page:
<https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7163>

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Athletics/Health/Physical Education

12.1 I have questions regarding the 9-12 athletic program. How do I locate information on the program?

For information regarding the athletic program, visit the Athletics Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5088>. If you have additional questions, you may contact Alvin L. Ward, Director for Athletics at (313) 313-870-3782

12.2 I have questions regarding the K-8 athletic program. How do I locate information on the program?

Please visit the Athletics Page: <https://www.detroitk12.org/Domain/5088> If you have additional questions, please contact Maria Adams Lawton, Director for K-8 Athletics at (313)873-8585

Fine Arts

13.1 Where can I find information on the Office of Fine and Performing Arts?

Please visit our webpage at <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7319>

13.2 What are the Visual Art opportunities my child will receive as part of the District art program?

As part of any District Visual Art program, your child will receive in-class instruction and the opportunity to enter into the scholastic art and writing competition, the All city Art Exhibition at the DIA, and competitions to design floats for the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

13.3 What are the Dance opportunities my child will receive being in a District dance program?

As part of any District Dance program, your child will receive in-class instruction and the opportunity to enter into the City-Wide Day of Dance, All City Dance Competition, Michigan Youth Arts Festival, and select schools participate in the International Association of Blacks in Dance.

13.4 What Music opportunities will my child receive as part of the District music program?

As part of any District music program, your child will receive in-class instruction and the opportunity to enter into district-wide performances and field trips. Select schools also take part in competitions through the Michigan School Vocal Music Association and Michigan Schools Band and Orchestra Association.

13.5 What is the cultural passport?

Culture Passport will give students the opportunity to experience fine arts education that will increase each individual student expression skills, visual thinking skills, observational skills, problem solving and analytical skills that builds autonomy in children. Students in kindergarten to fifth grades will participate in up to three cultural experiences.

13.6 Where can I rent or purchase an instrument for my child and what should I expect to pay for rental fees or to purchase?

The District connects students with after school music programs that provide instruments at little to no cost to students. Similarly, Instruments can be rented or purchased from local instrument music vendors. The average rental fee is approximately \$33.00 - \$40.00 per three-month period depending on the type of instrument rented. The purchase price of an instrument will vary depending on the brand name and category of instrument (beginner, intermediate or advanced/professional model instrument). Beginner instruments usually start at \$300.00, intermediate level \$650.00 and advanced/professional models \$1,800.00.

13.7 My child's instrument is in need of repair. What should I do?

First, ask your child's teacher to check the instrument out to try to determine the problem as it may be something as simple as repositioning a spring or key. If the repair is one that should be performed by a professional repair person, take the instrument to an instrument repair vendor. An approved instrument repair vendor list is below:

Approved Instrument Repair Vendors

Hewitt's Music, Inc. (Band and Strings) Contact: Skip or Phil Hewitt	23330 Farmington Road, Farmington, MI 48336 (248) 957-9090 skip@hewittsmusic.com
Shar Music (Strings) Contact: Adam Cogan	2465 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (866) 742-7261 adac@sharmusic.com
Jorgi Margariti (Strings) Contact: Jorji Margariti	22501 Avalon St, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 441-3054 Jorji123@gmail.com

13.8 Are there any weekend or after school community art/music programs where I can enroll my child and what is the cost?

Yes, there are weekend and after school music and art programs where you can enroll your child. Please contact the organization of your choice for special pricing information for District students.

Saturday Arts Academy at DSA Contact: Adrienne Davis	https://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/community-outreach-and-engagement/community-arts-partnerships/saturday-arts-academy adavis7@collegeforcreativestudies.edu (313) 664.1551
MSU Community Music School Contact: Jill Woodward	www.cms.msu.edu/detroit cmsd@msu.edu (313) 578-9716 3408 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Music Programs Contact: Caen Thomason-Redus	https://www.dso.org/cye (313)-576-5596 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201
Carr Center Contact: Oliver Ragsdale	https://thecarrcenter.org/education/academy@thecarrcenter.org (313) 965-8430 4750 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201
The Museum of Contemporary Art	http://mocadetroit.org/kaws-effects/ (313) 832-6622 4454 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

13.9 What summer music/art programs are available for my child to participate in and are there scholarships available?

Wayne State University Weekend School of Music Contact: Jeff Cutter	http://www.weekendschoolofmusic.com/ cutterjeff@hotmail.com (586) 264-0959
MSU Community Music School Contact: J. Woodward	www.cms.msu.edu/detroit cmsd@msu.edu (313) 578-9716 3408 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Music Program Contact: Caen Thomason-Redus	https://www.dso.org/cye (313)-576-5596 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201
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The Museum of Contemporary Art	http://moca-detroit.org/kaws-effects/ (313) 832-6622 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp	https://bluelake.org (800) 221.3796 300 E. Crystal Lake Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457
Interlocken Fine Arts Camp	http://camp.interlochen.org

13.10 Can my child use his/her assigned school instrument to participate in a summer music program?

Yes, your child will need to get an Application for Loan of Musical Instrument from their teacher, complete and return to the teacher.

13.11 Where can my student sign out a musical instrument to take home?

Instruments can only be signed out with approval from the band or orchestra teacher at the school the student attends. Instructor and principal approval are required in addition to student and parent signatures of responsibility for the care of the instrument before the application is considered. For more information, please visit the Fine Arts page at <https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7400>

13.12 I would like to donate an instrument(s), art supplies, dance costumes or sheet music. Who do I contact?

Detroit Public Schools Community District
Department of Development and Partnerships
dpscd.development@detroitk12.org
3011 W. Grand Blvd. Fisher Bldg., 9th Floor
Detroit, MI 48202
<https://www.detroitk12.org/Page/7330>

External Partnerships, Enrollment and Innovation

14.1 I would like to engage in a partnership with the District? Who do I contact?

Mrs. Toria Ward-Gilkey
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Department of Development and Partnerships
3011 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 873-8593

14.2 I would like to raise funds in support of a District school. Who do I contact?

Mrs. Denise Jamieson
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Department of Development and Partnerships
3011 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 873-4563

14.3 I would like to pursue a competitive grant in partnership with the District or local school. Who should I contact?

Mrs. Denise Jamieson
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Department of Development and Partnerships
3011 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 873-4563