

Frequently Asked Questions about DC Bilingual for Prospective Parents

What is the model of your school?

Here at DC Bilingual, we offer a full immersion bilingual English/Spanish, program. Meaning we offer 50/50 English and Spanish from PK3 to 5th grade.

What is DCB's teacher-to-student ratio?

It is extremely important to us that students receive the individualized attention they need to thrive in our rigorous academic program.

PK3 the teacher/student ratio 3/18 with 1 lead English teacher, 1 lead Spanish teacher and 1 Early Childhood Educator.

PK4 the teacher/student ratio 3/20 with 1 lead English, 1 lead Spanish and 1 Early Childhood Educator

Kindergarten to 2nd grade: 2/24 with 2 English teachers in the English class and 2 Spanish teachers in the Spanish class.

What kind of curriculum do you use?

PK: Creative Curriculum

K-5: Readers and Writer's Workshop (Literacy), Investigations (Math), NGSS-aligned projects (science)

We have noticed that you all have been building for some time. What are you building? Why? When will the construction be completed?

We are in a construction project working to expand our school to help accommodate the demand of our school. We will be growing by around 200 students to serve over 700 students by the school year 2028.

What are you doing to keep students safe with covid?

We hired a full time Covid Coordinator who helps us ensure that our policies are up to date and that our school practices are being followed as expected.

We provide all of our students and staff with PCR testing every Friday, we have a thorough school cleaning and disinfection plan in place, a rapid testing process for symptomatic students, and a daily screening process for all staff and students.

Do you have an after-school program?

Yes! We have an in-house program called "The Hive" extended day program, since our mascot is a bee (DC "BEE") that runs until 6pm each school day. All students are welcome and we staff according to enrollment, so there is enough space for everyone!

The Hive also coordinates full day programs when academic day is closed for students and camps when available.

The Hive focuses on child directed free play, nature and outdoors and social/emotional learning and Spanish language in PK & K.

How much is the cost of the afterschool program?

The cost of the afterschool program is on a sliding scale based on your eligibility for free, reduced or full priced meals (Based on FARM forms). Sample tuition scale is listed below for some options of care schedules. Scholarships are available on a need based basis.



Sample Tuition Scale

After School Days	Monthly Fee
Mon through Fri	Full \$416.00
	Reduced \$208.00
Any 2 days plus Fri	Full \$324.00
	Reduced \$162.00
Any 2 days not including Fri	Full \$144.00
	Reduced \$72.00
Friday only	Full \$180.00
	Reduced \$90.00
Full Days	Full \$65 Daily Fee
Registration fee	\$30.00

What are DCB's over-all Math and English scores?

DCB has not been able to complete standardized testing since 2019-2020

Check out [DCB's Report Card](#)

How many seats will be available for PK - K?

It is difficult to give an exact number of available seats because for classes Prek4 and higher it depends on the attrition numbers of current students enrolled. In prek3 we are looking to fill four classrooms of new students each serving up to 18 students per class.

Do you have the opportunity for parents to engage with their students in-class such as sitting in and observing?

Currently, due to Covid we are not allowing anyone outside of students and staff in the building however during a non-covid school year we have an open door policy where caregivers are always invited to visit the school and be part of the classroom instruction. We especially love when caregivers serve as volunteers for school-wide events.

How is pick up/drop off managed? The intersection there seems pretty busy.

This varies year to year based on school arrival and dismissal times, as well as on Covid restrictions. [Click here to view the arrival and dismissal plan for this school year.](#)

What kinds of clubs are there, like girl scouts etc?

The Hive after school program is in charge of bringing in many extracurricular activities for our students after school. The offerings vary year by year and are also based on student interest. Clubs offered in the past have included; chess club, dance club, step club, hiking club, newspaper club, etc.

What does a typical day in PK look like?

Sample PK Daily Schedule		
Time	Minutes	Block
8:05 - 8:30	25	Sign-in, breakfast, and Carpet toys
8:30 - 8:50	20	Morning Meeting
8:50 - 9:00	10	Bathroom/Transition
9:00 - 9:30	30	Specials
9:30 - 10:30	60	Centers (Read Aloud)
10:30-10:40	10	Snack/Bathroom
10:40- 11:10	30	Math/Science Small Groups
11:10 - 11:40	30	Outdoor Play
11:40-11:50	10	Bathroom, Transition
11:50 - 12:15	25	Lunch
12:15 - 2:15	2hrs	Nap
2:15 - 2:30	15	Bathroom and Snack
2:30- 2:45	15	Book Browsing (Read Aloud)

2:45- 3:05	25	Literacy Small Groups
3:05- 3:40	30	Outdoor Play
3:40- 3:50	10	Transition from outside to Classroom
3:50 -4:00	10	Afternoon Meeting

Do students nap in their classroom? Do they use a cot?

Yes, they nap in the classroom and they have assigned cots.

Does your school accommodate a vegan diet including alternative milk options?

Yes, all dietary restrictions and preferences due to religion or other reasons are accommodated.

What is the process for enrolling in the lottery?

An external agency called My School DC runs the process, you can read about it [here](#). You can also reference our [admissions frequently asked questions](#) to answer other questions you may have about how to get your child into DC Bilingual PCS.