

District of Columbia Public Charter Schools

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Table GC0-1

Description	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	from FY 2026
OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,249,920,833	\$1,391,177,516	\$1,396,113,287	\$1,448,705,398	3.8
FTEs	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (DCPCS) is to provide an alternative, free education for students who reside in the District of Columbia.

Summary of Services

The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board is authorized to grant charters. Each charter school is a private, non-profit corporation. This agency includes the District of Columbia appropriations to the DCPCS system. Payments from this agency to individual charter schools are made quarterly on the basis of enrollment as set forth in the District of Columbia Official Code, Section 38-2906.02.

The agency's FY 2027 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2027 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table GC0-2 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget and Full-Time Equivalents by revenue type compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual data.

Table GC0-2
(\$ in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	% Change*	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	% Change
GENERAL FUND												
LOCAL FUND	1,249,921	1,391,178	1,396,113	1,448,705	52,592	3.8	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	1,249,921	1,391,178	1,396,113	1,448,705	52,592	3.8	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	1,249,921	1,391,178	1,396,113	1,448,705	52,592	3.8	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

* Percent change is based on whole dollars.

Note: If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private) and Special Purpose Revenue type, please refer to Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source in the FY 2027 Operating Appendices located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table GC0-3 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual expenditures.

Table GC0-3
(\$ in thousands)

Account Group	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	% Change*
701100C-CONTINUING FULL TIME	158	103	158	150	-8	-4.9
701300C-ADDITIONAL GROSS PAY	0	24	0	0	0	N/A
701400C-FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL	48	23	48	23	-25	-52.1
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)	206	150	206	173	-33	-15.9
713100C-OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	0	0	302	334	33	10.8
714100C-GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES & GRANTS	1,249,715	1,391,028	1,395,606	1,448,198	52,592	3.8
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)	1,249,715	1,391,028	1,395,907	1,448,532	52,625	3.8
GROSS FUNDS	1,249,921	1,391,178	1,396,113	1,448,705	52,592	3.8

* Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table GC0-4 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual data. For a more comprehensive explanation of divisions/programs and activities, please see the Division/Program Description section, which follows the table.

Table GC0-4
(\$ in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026
AFO003- AGENCY BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES	0	0	507	507	0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
AFO000-AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	0	0	507	507	0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
E02501-EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)	0	2,986	8,532	9,467	935	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02502-FACILITIES ALLOWANCE	17,038	76,831	181,091	187,120	6,029	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02503-GENERAL EDUCATION	1,031,912	1,011,465	814,988	815,478	490	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02505-SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPLIANCE	200,971	149,828	22,401	24,241	1,839	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02506-SPECIAL EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL	0	1,286	3,675	4,258	583	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02507-AT-RISK STUDENTS	0	38,799	110,855	110,456	-399	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02508-ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	0	13,159	37,596	35,158	-2,438	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02509-ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE	0	11	30	0	-30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02510-RESIDENTIAL	0	3,566	10,189	9,186	-1,003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

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(\$ in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026
E02511-SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT	0	23,201	6,117	32,162	26,045	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
E02517-ALL LEVELS - SPED	0	70,046	200,131	220,672	20,541	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
ED0025-CHARTERS	1,249,921	1,391,178	1,395,606	1,448,198	52,592	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	1,249,921	1,391,178	1,396,113	1,448,705	52,592	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity. For detailed information on this agency's Cost Center structure as reflected in the District's Chart of Accounts, please see Schedule 30-CC FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office. Both schedules can be found in the FY 2027 Operating Appendices, located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. Additional information on this agency's interagency agreements can be found in Appendix H in the Executive Summary, Volume 1.

Program Description

The District of Columbia Public Charter Schools operates through the following 2 programs:

D.C. Charter Schools – Under the provisions of law set forth in Division VI, Title 38, Subtitle IV, Chapter 18 of the District of Columbia Official Code, public charter schools are private, non-profit corporations that operate under the terms and conditions set forth in their charters and as approved by the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, the chartering authority. The public charter schools are autonomous, nonsectarian institutions that cannot charge tuition to District resident students. Additionally, public charter schools cannot impose discriminatory admission policies or tests on District resident students. Public charter schools receive the same level of District funding for their enrolled students as students enrolled in the District of Columbia Public Schools, pursuant to the District's Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (refer to District of Columbia Official Code § 38–2901 et seq.). Public charter schools also receive a facilities allowance to maintain and operate their buildings. In addition to District government funding, public charter schools are eligible to receive federal and private grants and may engage in private fund-raising.

The District of Columbia Public Charter Schools operate under these goals:

- Public charter schools will abide by the provisions set forth in their individual charters;
- Individual public charter schools will comply with all reporting requirements set forth by the chartering authority;
- Public charter schools will provide students with exposure to career pathways and focus on particular areas of study to further enhance students' academic experiences;
- Public charter schools will meet all academic performance goals set forth in their individual charter agreements; and
- The chartering authority -- currently, the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board -- will monitor and evaluate performance of public charter schools based on the provisions set forth in each school's charter.

This program contains the following 11 activities:

- **Extended School Year (ESY)** – services are specialized instruction or related services that are part of a child's IEP. ESY services are provided when school is not typically in session often during the summer. However, for some kids it can also be during other extended breaks, like winter vacation;
- **Facilities Allowance, General Education, and Special Education Compliance** – Defines school, campus, and facility to clarify PCSB's charter granting, expansion, replication, and closure policies; Identifies and addresses public charter schools that may not be in compliance with all federal and local laws pertaining to students with disabilities;
- **Special Education Residential** – Additional funding to support the after-hours levels 1-4 special education needs of students living in a DC Public School or public charter school that provides students with room and board in a residential setting;

- **At-Risk Students** – Additional funding for students who are in the District’s foster care system, homeless, qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or high school students who are one year older or more than the expected age for their grade level;
- **English Language Learners** – Additional funding for English Learners (EL) as designated by OSSE’s EL policies and procedures;
- **English Second Language** – Additional funding for non-native English Learners (EL) as designated by OSSE’s EL policies and procedures;
- **Residential** – For students that receive residential services in a DC Public School or public charter school that provides students with room and board in a residential setting, in addition to their instructional program;
- **Supplemental Payments** – In addition to the quarterly UPSFF payments LEAs also receive supplemental payments for audited students who receive new or changed supplemental designations after the October count day; and
- **All Levels - Special Education** – Not more than 24 hours per week of specialized services, which may include instruction in a self-contained (dedicated) special education school other than residential placement.

Agency Financial Operations – provides comprehensive and efficient financial management services to, and on behalf of, District agencies so that the financial integrity of the District of Columbia is maintained. This program is standard for all agencies using performance-based budgeting.

Program Structure Change

The approved program structure changes are provided in the Agency Realignment appendix to the approved budget, which is located at www.cfo.dc.gov on the Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan page.

FY 2026 Approved Budget to FY 2027 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table GC0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2026 approved budget and the FY 2027 proposed budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2027 Proposed Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table GC0-5
(\$ in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE		1,396,113	1.0
No Change		0	0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2027 Recurring Budget		1,396,113	1.0
Increase: To align personnel services and fringe benefits with projected costs	AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	2	0.0
Increase: To support an increase to the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF)	Multiple Programs	52,592	0.0
Decrease: To offset projected adjustments in personnel services costs	CHARTERS	-2	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget		1,448,705	1.0
GROSS FOR GC0-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS (GC0)		1,448,705	1.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix H, FY 2027 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary, Volume 1 located on the OCFO's website.

FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget Changes

Table GC0-6 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget by fund compared to the approved FY 2026 budget.

Table GC0-6

	FY 2026	FY 2027	% Change
Appropriated Fund	Approved	Proposed	from
			FY 2026
LOCAL FUND	\$1,396,113,287	\$1,448,705,398	3.8
GROSS FUNDS	\$1,396,113,287	\$1,448,705,398	3.8

Mayor's Proposed Budget

District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (DCPCS) provides a quality educational alternative that combines both traditional and innovative learning approaches for residents of the District. In FY 2027, DCPCS proposes the following budget adjustments:

Increase: The proposed Local funds budget for DCPCS includes an increase of \$52,592,110 to support the per-student foundation amount in the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF), reflecting a 2.55 percent increase from \$15,070 to \$15,455 in the per-pupil foundation level. Additionally, DCPCS' budget includes an increase of \$2,273 in the Agency Financial program to align the budget with projected salary and fringe benefit costs.

Decrease: DCPCS' budget proposal includes a decrease of \$2,273 in the Charters program to offset projected increases in personnel services.

District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (GC0)
Per Pupil Funding Analysis (D.C. Act 12-494)
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
FY 2027 SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

FY 2027 Board Authorized Enrollment Sector Ceiling: 57,499 Students

Foundation level per pupil	\$	15,455
Non-Residential Facilities Allotment:	\$	3,850
Residential Facilities Allotment:	\$	10,396

Grade Level	Weighting	School Proposed Enrollment	Per Pupil Allocation	Total
General Education				
Pre-Kindergarten 3	1.34	2,942	\$ 20,710	\$ 60,928,820
Pre-Kindergarten 4	1.30	3,066	\$ 20,092	\$ 61,602,072
Kindergarten	1.30	3,088	\$ 20,092	\$ 62,044,096
Grades 1	1.00	3,059	\$ 15,455	\$ 47,276,845
Grades 2	1.00	2,938	\$ 15,455	\$ 45,406,790
Grades 3	1.00	2,879	\$ 15,455	\$ 44,494,945
Grades 4	1.00	2,812	\$ 15,455	\$ 43,459,460
Grades 5	1.00	2,903	\$ 15,455	\$ 44,865,865
Grades 6	1.08	3,225	\$ 16,691	\$ 53,828,475
Grades 7	1.08	3,028	\$ 16,691	\$ 50,540,348
Grades 8	1.08	2,921	\$ 16,691	\$ 48,754,411
Grades 9	1.22	2,896	\$ 18,855	\$ 54,604,080
Grades 10	1.22	2,177	\$ 18,855	\$ 41,047,335
Grades 11	1.22	1,858	\$ 18,855	\$ 35,032,590
Grades 12	1.22	1,721	\$ 18,855	\$ 32,449,455
Alternative	1.58	1,042	\$ 24,419	\$ 25,444,598
Special Ed Schools	1.17	250	\$ 18,082	\$ 4,520,500
Adult	1.00	5,217	\$ 15,455	\$ 80,628,735
Subtotal General Education		48,022		\$ 836,929,420
Special Education				
	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
Level 1	0.97	3,436	\$ 14,991	\$ 51,509,076
Level 2	1.20	2,185	\$ 18,546	\$ 40,523,010
Level 3	1.97	1,023	\$ 30,446	\$ 31,146,258
Level 4	3.49	1,912	\$ 53,938	\$ 103,129,456
Subtotal for Special Ed		8,556		\$ 226,307,800
Special Ed Compliance	0.099	8,556	\$ 1,530	\$ 13,090,680
Attorney' Fees Compliance	0.089	8,556	\$ 1,375	\$ 11,764,500
Subtotal Special Ed Compliance				\$ 24,855,180
English Language Learners				
	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
Elementary - ELL	0.50	2,170	\$ 7,728	\$ 16,769,760
Secondary - ELL	0.75	1,664	\$ 11,591	\$ 19,287,424
Subtotal English Language Learners				\$ 36,057,184
Special Education-Residential				
	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
Level 1 Residential	0.37	9	\$ 5,718	\$ 51,462
Level 2 Residential	1.34	38	\$ 20,710	\$ 786,980
Level 3 Residential	2.89	33	\$ 44,665	\$ 1,473,945
Level 4 Residential	2.89	46	\$ 44,665	\$ 2,054,590
Subtotal for Special Ed Residential		126		\$ 4,366,977

District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (GC0)

Per Pupil Funding Analysis (D.C. Act 12-494)

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

FY 2027 SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

English as a Second Language Residential	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
LEP/NEP Residential	0.668	0	\$ 10,324	\$ -
Residential	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
Residential	1.67	365	\$ 25,810	\$ 9,420,650
AT RISK STUDENTS	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
AT RISK STUDENTS	0.30	21,899	\$ 4,637	\$ 101,545,663
HS Over-Age Supplement	0.06	1,660	\$ 927	\$ 1,538,820
At Risk > 40% Concentration Supplement	0.07	8,311	\$ 1,082	\$ 8,992,502
At Risk > 70% Concentration Supplement	0.07	1,121	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,212,922
AT RISK STUDENTS				\$ 113,289,907
Special Education Add-ons & (ESY)	Weighting		Allocation	Dollars
Level 1 ESY	0.063	530	\$ 974	\$ 516,220
Level 2 ESY	0.227	399	\$ 3,508	\$ 1,399,692
Level 3 ESY	0.491	193	\$ 7,588	\$ 1,464,484
Level 4 ESY	0.491	834	\$ 7,588	\$ 6,328,392
Subtotal for Special Ed - ESY		1,956		\$ 9,708,788
Total FY 2027 Instructional Dollars				\$ 1,260,935,906
Administration				\$ 507,381
Facilities Allowance				
Non-Residential Facilities Allotment		47,657	\$ 3,850	\$ 183,467,726
Residential Facilities Allotment		365	\$ 10,396	\$ 3,794,384
Total FY 2027 Facilities Allowance		48,022		\$ 187,262,111
FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET				\$ 1,448,705,398

2027 District of Columbia Public Charter Schools Proposed Enrollment

	School Names	FY 2027 Proposed Enrollment		School Names	FY 2027 Proposed Enrollment
1	Academy of Hope Adult PCS	1,080	34	KIPP DC PCS	7,434
2	Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS	490	35	Kingsman Academy PCS	320
3	AppleTree Early Learning PCS	685	36	LAYC Career Academy PCS	200
4	BASIS DC PCS	691	37	LEARN DC PCS	328
5	Breakthrough Montessori PCS	388	38	Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS	575
6	Bridges PCS	355	39	Lee Montessori PCS	614
7	Briya PCS	770	40	Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy PCS	302
8	Capital City PCS	1,019	41	Maya Angelou PCS	535
9	Capital Village PCS	48	42	Meridian PCS	515
10	Carlos Rosario International PCS	2,025	43	Monument Academy PCS	130
11	Cedar Tree Academy PCS	525	44	Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS	1,215
12	Center City PCS	1,440	45	Paul PCS	706
13	Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	353	46	Perry Street Preparatory PCS	364
14	Community College Preparatory Academy PCS	600	47	Richard Wright PCS for Journalism and Media Arts	307
15	Creative Minds International PCS	381	48	Rocketship Education DC PCS	988
16	DC Bilingual PCS	668	49	Roots PCS	63
17	DC Prep PCS	2,177	50	SEED PCS	210
18	DC Scholars PCS	547	51	Sela PCS	278
19	DC Wildflower PCS	74	52	Shining Stars Montessori Academy PCS	172
20	Digital Pioneers Academy PCS	746	53	Social Justice PCS	111
21	District of Columbia International School	1,655	54	St. Coletta Special Education PCS	250
22	E.L. Haynes PCS	1,197	55	Statesmen College Preparatory Academy for Boys PCS	291
23	Early Childhood Academy PCS	248	56	The Children's Guild DC PCS	183
24	Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS	719	57	The Family Place PCS	250
25	Friendship PCS	4,553	58	The Next Step/El Proximo Paso PCS	380
26	Girls Global Academy PCS	195	59	The Sojourner Truth School PCS	455
27	Global Citizens PCS	264	60	Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS	370
28	Goodwill Excel Center PCS	440	61	Two Rivers PCS	1,059
29	Harmony DC PCS	184	62	Washington Global PCS	240
30	Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS	263	63	Washington Latin PCS	1,300
31	IDEA PCS	340	64	Washington Leadership Academy PCS	415
32	Ingenuity Prep PCS	816	65	Washington Yu Ying PCS	818
33	Inspired Teaching Demonstration PCS	524	66	YouthBuild DC PCS	144
FY 2027 Total Proposed Enrollment for 66 Schools					47,982