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# District of Columbia Public Charter Schools

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**Table GC0-1**

<b>Description</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2020 Approved</b>	<b>FY 2021 Approved</b>	<b>% Change from FY 2020</b>
OPERATING BUDGET	\$871,861,697	\$887,463,461	\$904,768,857	\$934,899,568	3.3
FTEs	1.0	1.0	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.

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 2021 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

## FY 2021 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table GC0-2 contains the approved FY 2021 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual data.

**Table GC0-2**

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	% Change*	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	% Change
<b>Appropriated Fund</b>												
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>												
Local Funds	871,862	887,463	904,769	934,900	30,131	3.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>871,862</b>	<b>887,463</b>	<b>904,769</b>	<b>934,900</b>	<b>30,131</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>871,862</b>	<b>887,463</b>	<b>904,769</b>	<b>934,900</b>	<b>30,131</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

\*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

**Note:** If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private), Special Purpose Revenue type and Intra-District agreement, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2021 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

## FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table GC0-3 contains the approved FY 2021 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual expenditures.

**Table GC0-3**

(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	Percentage Change*
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	133	141	140	144	4	3.0
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	38	39	41	42	1	3.0
<b>SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
40 - Other Services and Charges	61	0	117	117	0	0.1
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	871,630	887,284	904,471	934,596	30,125	3.3
<b>SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)</b>	<b>871,691</b>	<b>887,284</b>	<b>904,588</b>	<b>934,713</b>	<b>30,125</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>871,862</b>	<b>887,463</b>	<b>904,769</b>	<b>934,900</b>	<b>30,131</b>	<b>3.3</b>

\*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

## FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table GC0-4 contains the approved FY 2021 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 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**

(dollars in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020
<b>(1000) DC CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>										
(1001) Administrative Expense	171	179	181	187	5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
(1100) DC Charter Schools	871,691	887,284	904,588	934,713	30,125	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>SUBTOTAL (1000) DC CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>	<b>871,862</b>	<b>887,463</b>	<b>904,769</b>	<b>934,900</b>	<b>30,131</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>871,862</b>	<b>887,463</b>	<b>904,769</b>	<b>934,900</b>	<b>30,131</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2021 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. "No Activity Assigned" indicates budget or actuals that are recorded at the division/program level.

### Program Description

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

**D.C. Charter Schools** – Under the provisions of law set forth in Division VI, Title 38, Subtitle IV, Chapter 17 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 (UPSFF) (refer to District of Columbia Official Code Section 38-29). 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 will monitor and evaluate performance of public charter schools based on the provisions set forth in each school's charter.

### Program Structure Change

The District of Columbia Public Charter Schools has no program structure changes in the FY 2021 approved budget.

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## FY 2020 Approved Budget to FY 2021 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table GC0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2020 approved budget and the FY 2021 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2021 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

### Table GC0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2020 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>904,769</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Removal of One-Time Costs	DC Charter Schools	-466	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 Recurring Budget</b>		<b>904,303</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Increase: To align the budget with projected student enrollment	DC Charter Schools	36,266	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>940,569</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Enhance: To support increased at-risk weights within the UPSFF	DC Charter Schools	119	0.0
Reduce: To reflect the closure of Achievement Prep Middle School	DC Charter Schools	-5,788	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 District's Approved Budget</b>		<b>934,900</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>GROSS FOR GC0 - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>		<b>934,900</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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### FY 2021 Approved Budget Changes

The D.C. Public Charter Schools' (DCPCS) approved FY 2021 gross budget is \$934,899,568, which represents a 3.3 percent increase over its FY 2020 approved gross budget of \$904,768,857. The budget is comprised entirely of Local funds.

### Recurring Budget

The FY 2021 budget for DCPCS includes a reduction of \$466,050 to account for the removal of one-time funding appropriated in FY 2020 to support the School Safety Omnibus Act of 2018.

### Mayor's Proposed Budget

DCPCS continues to provide a quality alternative for education that provides both traditional and innovative approaches to learning for District residents. In FY 2021, DCPCS proposes the following budget adjustments:

**Increase:** DCPCS' FY 2021 budget proposal includes an increase of \$36,265,932. This adjustment reflects a 3.0 percent increase to the Per Pupil Foundation level, which is \$11,310 for FY 2021 in comparison to the FY 2020 level of \$10,980. The proposed budget further supports changes in student enrollment and operational costs. In addition, five new public charter schools will be opening: Capital Village, Girls Global Academy, I Dream School, Social Justice Project, and the Sojourner Truth School.

## **District's Approved Budget**

**Enhance:** DCPCS' budget reflects an increase of \$118,857 to support increased at-risk weights within the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF). The budget also supports implementation of the School Financial Transparency Amendment Act of 2020.

**Reduce:** DCPCS' budget is reduced by \$5,788,028 to reflect the closure of Achievement Prep Middle School and to align the budget with projected costs.

**Protected Programs:** The District's public charter schools receive Local funding through the UPSFF. This system of funding was established by the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 and was designed to ensure that all public schools across the District receive the same level of funding on a per-student basis, regardless of what neighborhood the school is in or where students live. This formula was estimated to be derived from a market basket of goods and services determined by analysis that uses local, regional, and national education funding research and practices to develop a foundation. The UPSFF is intended to cover all local education agency operational costs for District public schools, including school-based instruction, student classroom support, utilities, administration, custodial services, and instructional support, such as curriculum and testing. The UPSFF is based on a foundation amount, which is then enhanced according to different weights for higher-cost grade levels and supplemental funding weights for students with special needs.

**Additional Resources Available to Charters:** DCPCS' FY 2021 budget continues to support several existing financial programs that meet the unique facility needs of the public charter school community. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) manages two programs designed to provide financial support for charter schools' facilities costs:

- **Credit Enhancement Fund:** The Credit Enhancement fund provides support for public charter schools in the form of loan guarantees, collateral, lease guarantees, debt service reserves, and other financing assistance; and
- **Direct Loan Fund:** The Direct Loan fund provides loans to public charter schools for acquisitions, construction, renovation, tenant improvement, and maintenance of public charter schools facilities.

**District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (GC0)**  
**Per Pupil Funding Analysis (D.C. Act 12-494)**  
**PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
**FY 2021 SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT APPROVED BUDGET**

**FY 2021 Board Authorized Enrollment Sector Ceiling: 52758 Students**

<b>Foundation level per pupil</b>	<b>\$ 11,310</b>
<b>Non-Residential Facilities Allotment:</b>	<b>\$ 3,408</b>
<b>Residential Facilities Allotment:</b>	<b>\$ 9,202</b>

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>School Certified Enrollment</b>	<b>Per Pupil Allocation</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>General Education</b>				
Pre-Kindergarten 3	1.34	3,342	\$ 15,155	\$ 50,649,347
Pre-Kindergarten 4	1.30	3,660	\$ 14,703	\$ 53,812,980
Kindergarten	1.30	3,386	\$ 14,703	\$ 49,784,358
Grades 1	1.00	3,224	\$ 11,310	\$ 36,463,440
Grades 2	1.00	2,992	\$ 11,310	\$ 33,839,520
Grades 3	1.00	2,836	\$ 11,310	\$ 32,075,160
Grades 4	1.00	2,474	\$ 11,310	\$ 27,980,940
Grades 5	1.00	2,606	\$ 11,310	\$ 29,473,860
Grades 6	1.08	2,881	\$ 12,215	\$ 35,190,839
Grades 7	1.08	2,640	\$ 12,215	\$ 32,247,072
Grades 8	1.08	2,441	\$ 12,215	\$ 29,816,327
Grades 9	1.22	2,176	\$ 13,798	\$ 30,024,883
Grades 10	1.22	1,631	\$ 13,798	\$ 22,504,864
Grades 11	1.22	1,382	\$ 13,798	\$ 19,069,112
Grades 12	1.22	1,319	\$ 13,798	\$ 18,199,826
Alternative	1.445	1,049	\$ 16,343	\$ 17,143,755
Special Ed Schools	1.17	250	\$ 13,233	\$ 3,308,175
Adult	0.89	4,272	\$ 10,066	\$ 43,001,525
<b>Subtotal General Education</b>		<b>44,561</b>		<b>\$ 564,585,982</b>
<b>Special Education</b>				
	<b>Weighting</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
Level 1	0.97	2,128	\$ 10,971	\$ 23,345,650
Level 2	1.20	1,901	\$ 13,572	\$ 25,800,372
Level 3	1.97	923	\$ 22,281	\$ 20,565,086
Level 4	3.49	1,353	\$ 39,472	\$ 53,405,481
<b>Subtotal for Special Ed</b>		<b>6,305</b>		<b>\$ 123,116,588</b>
<b>Special Education Compliance</b>				
Blackman Jones Compliance	0.099	6,305	\$ 1,120	\$ 7,059,645
Attorney' Fees Compliance	0.089	6,305	\$ 1,007	\$ 6,346,550
<b>Subtotal Special Ed Compliance</b>				<b>\$ 13,406,195</b>
<b>English Language Learners</b>				
	<b>Weighting</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
<b>Subtotal - ELL</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>\$ 5,542</b>	<b>\$ 19,496,404</b>
<b>Special Education-Residential</b>				
	<b>Weighting</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
Level 1 Residential	0.37	18	\$ 4,185	\$ 75,325
Level 2 Residential	1.34	39	\$ 15,155	\$ 591,061
Level 3 Residential	2.89	36	\$ 32,686	\$ 1,176,692
Level 4 Residential	2.89	18	\$ 32,686	\$ 588,346
<b>Subtotal for Special Ed Residential</b>		<b>111</b>		<b>\$ 2,431,424</b>

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**PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
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**FY 2021 Board Authorized Enrollment Sector Ceiling: 52758 Students**

<b>Foundation level per pupil</b>			<b>\$ 11,310</b>	
<b>Non-Residential Facilities Allotment:</b>			<b>\$ 3,408</b>	
<b>Residential Facilities Allotment:</b>			<b>\$ 9,202</b>	
<b>English as a Second Language Residential</b>	<b>Weighting</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
<b>LEP/NEP Residential</b>	<b>0.668</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 7,555</b>	<b>\$ 7,555</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>Weighting</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>\$ 18,888</b>	<b>\$ 6,742,909</b>
<b>AT RISK STUDENTS</b>	<b>0.226</b>	<b>17,515</b>	<b>\$ 2,552</b>	<b>\$ 44,690,153</b>
<b>Special Education Add-ons &amp; (ESY)</b>	<b>Weighting</b>		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
Level 1 ESY	0.063	295	\$ 713	\$ 210,196
Level 2 ESY	0.227	192	\$ 2,567	\$ 492,935
Level 3 ESY	0.491	217	\$ 5,553	\$ 1,205,047
Level 4 ESY	0.491	733	\$ 5,553	\$ 4,070,503
<b>Subtotal for Special Ed - ESY</b>		<b>1,437</b>		<b>\$ 5,978,681</b>
<b>Total FY 2021 Instructional Dollars</b>				<b>\$ 780,455,892</b>
<b>Administration</b>				<b>\$ 511,330</b>
<b>Facilities Allowance</b>				
Non-Residential Facilities Allotment		44,204	\$ 3,408	\$ 150,647,232
Residential Facilities Allotment		357	\$ 9,202	\$ 3,285,114
<b>Total FY 2021 Facilities Allowance</b>		<b>44,561</b>		<b>\$ 153,932,346</b>
<b>FY 2021 APPROVED BUDGET</b>				<b>\$ 934,899,568</b>

## 2021 District of Columbia Public Charter Schools Approved Enrollment

	School Names	FY 2021 Approved Enrollment		School Names	FY 2021 Approved Enrollment
1	Academy of Hope Adult PCS	515	34	Inspired Teaching PCS	516
2	Achievement Preparatory PCS	405	35	Kingsman Academy PCS	240
3	AppleTree Early Learning PCS	660	36	KIPP DC PCS	6,802
4	BASIS DC PCS	635	37	Latin American Montessori PCS	506
5	Breakthrough Montessori PCS	270	38	LAYC Career Academy PCS	140
6	Bridges PCS	414	39	Lee Montessori PCS	359
7	Briya PCS	735	40	Mary McLeod Bethune PCS	412
8	Capital City PCS	993	41	Maya Angelou PCS	345
9	Capital Village PCS **	80	42	Meridian PCS	630
10	Carlos Rosario International PCS	2,100	43	Monument Academy PCS	115
11	Cedar Tree Academy PCS	445	44	Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS	943
12	Center City PCS	1,470	45	Paul PCS	748
13	Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	380	46	Perry Street Preparatory PCS	430
14	Community College PCS	600	47	Richard Wright PCS	325
15	Creative Minds International PCS	538	48	Rocketship Education DC PCS	1,548
16	DC Bilingual PCS	448	49	Roots PCS	120
17	DC Prep PCS	2,098	50	SEED PCS	219
18	DC Scholars PCS	555	51	Sela PCS	243
19	Digital Pioneers Academy PCS	360	52	Shining Stars Montessori PCS	293
20	DC International School PCS	1,419	53	Social Justice Project PCS **	65
21	E.L. Haynes PCS	1,135	54	St. Coletta Special Education PCS	250
22	Eagle Academy PCS	825	55	Statesmen College Prep PCS	190
23	Early Childhood Academy PCS	290	56	The Children's Guild DC PCS	332
24	Elsie Whitlow Stokes PCS	588	57	The Family Place PCS	147
25	Friendship PCS	4,083	58	The Next Step/El Proximo Paso PCS	455
26	Girls Global Academy PCS **	80	59	The Sojourner Truth School PCS **	80
27	Goodwill Excel Center PCS	360	60	Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS	390
28	Harmony DC PCS	112	61	Two Rivers PCS	965
29	Hope Community PCS	703	62	Washington Global PCS	233
30	Howard University PCS	293	63	Washington Latin PCS	749
31	I Dream School PCS **	110	64	Washington Leadership PCS	405
32	IDEA PCS	302	65	Washington Yu Ying PCS	569
33	Ingenuity Prep PCS	674	66	YouthBuild DC PCS	122
<b>FY 2021 Total Approved Enrollment for 66 Schools</b>					<b>44,561</b>

\*\* New Schools for FY2021